November 4, 2019

SWQMWG Members

RE: Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department
208 Amendment to CAG Regional Water Quality Management Plan

Dear Members,

The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department requested an Amendment to the CAG Regional Plan in January of 2018. More time than either organization would have anticipated or preferred has elapsed in the effort to finalize this document.

The concept in this proposal is quite simple, but somewhat new. The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department has served the Eagle Crest Ranch subdivision east of State Route 77 for quite some time under an agreement with Pinal County. When this new proposal for the Eagle Crest West development west of State Route 77 came up it was felt establishing a Designated Management Agency (DMA) under the Clean Water Act Section 208 was an appropriate action.

This Amendment simply establishes DMA authority for Pima County to operate within the CAG Region. The collection lines are the only infrastructure to be built and the additional flows generated all the way to full build out will not require any expansion of any other facilities in the Pima County wastewater system.

CAG is happy to partner with PAG to provide the appropriate water quality planning and controls for the region in the most practical manner available for the residents in the area.

I have provided a separate map of the district as an attachment for your convenience in viewing during the SWQMWG meeting.

No opposing comments have been received by any stakeholders in the region. By all accounts the district operates at the highest standards. After a Public Hearing the EPC recommended on February 12, 2019 that the Amendment be sent to the Management Committee for review on March 7, 2019 which then sent the Amendment to the Regional Council for their approval. Regional Council approved the Amendment on March 27, 2019. We ask that you approve this amendment as consistent with the goals of the CAG Water Quality Management Plan and those of the State of Arizona.

Respectfully,

Alan Urban
Designated Planning Agency Administrator