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Docket Supervisor
Arizona Department of Water Resources, Legal Division
3550 North Central Ave., 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85012

RE: Designation of Adequate Water Supply, Pueblo del Sol Water Company (DWR No. 40-700705.0000)

Dear Sirs:

Huachuca Audubon Society submits the following comments regarding the requested designation of adequate water supply.

Huachuca Audubon Society is an all-volunteer organization located in Sierra Vista, Cochise County, Arizona. For more than 40 years, the society has been involved in environmental concerns in the area, with particular focus on protecting the San Pedro River riparian habitat.

Because our organization is neither a 'resident' nor a landowner, our objection does not constitute a formal submission to ADWR. Nevertheless, many of our members are local residents who are concerned about the status and future of the Upper San Pedro groundwater basin and its ability to sustain a healthy riparian habitat in the San Pedro River. The basin has been overdrafted for many years now and the local governments have been unable to achieve a sustainable status on groundwater pumping. Therefore, we share many of the concerns expressed by the Bureau of Land Management in their letter of objection to you dated March 16 and received by you on March 20, 2012.

We hereby express our support for ADWR not issuing a designation of adequate water supply for Pueblo del Sol Water Company for future groundwater pumping.

Sincerely yours,

Tricia Gerrodette

Tricia Gerrodette, President
Huachuca Audubon Society