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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:

The Maricopa Audubon Society, a chapter of the National Audubon Society located in central Arizona, wishes to express our support of the position of the Huachuca Audubon Society as expressed in their letter to the Arizona Department of Water Resources, Legal Division of May 8, 2012. On behalf of our 2300 members, we wish to convey to you the most earnest concerns of our members who share the views expressed by the Huachuca Audubon society in this regard. A great number of our members spend time engaged in and are deeply committed to nature study at the San Pedro ecosystem. We have concerns regarding 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.

As the Huachuca Audubon Society pointed out in their letter to you: "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."

The Maricopa Audubon Society also wishes to express their support for ADWR not issuing a designation of adequate water supply for Pueblo del Sol Water Company for future groundwater pumping.

Sincerely,

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CC: Huachuca Audubon Society