

Town of Queen Creek

Physical Availability Determination (issued by ADWR)

- 1980 The Arizona Legislature Adopted The Groundwater Code
 - This was at the time and is still today the most progressive law ever passed on use of Groundwater Pumping in the Country
- 1986 Arizona amended the law and raised the depth of allowable pumping from 1200 feet below the surface to 1000 feet
- 1993 Legislature amended the law to no longer allow groundwater for Assured Water Supply Analysis. The Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRD) was formed with this amendment
- **2007** CAGRD adopted its 10 year operating plan for enrollment and servicing its membership. **2017** CAGRD will be adopting the next 10 year plan and possibly limiting membership for future development
- Today the Arizona Department of Water Resources issues the 100 year certificates for Assured Water Supplies for either Municipalities or Development
 - As new Hydrological Studies are done they must take into consideration all current and future uses for the next 100 years. For those developments that have 30 years left on their certificates it is assumed that the water will be there in perpetuity, or the Sustainable Supply Doctrine or "FOREVER"
 - For all new Development either you bring a surface water supply with you or you join the CAGRD which will guarantee that for every gallon of water you pump a gallon of water is replenished in the Active Management Area (AMA)
 - Current Cost for 1 acre foot of replenished water for 2010-11 \$356, 2011-12 \$403, 2012-13 \$442, 2013-14 \$487, 2014-15 \$550
- **1989** Queen Creek Water received its original Physical Availability Determination (PAD) **22,000** acre feet to be pumped annually
- 2011 The Town of Queen Creeks PAD was updated to 26,400 acre feet to be pumped annually.
 - ***CAGRD will begin recharging at Queen Creek Wash Superstition Recharge site in 2011 it is permitted for 25,000 acre feet per year

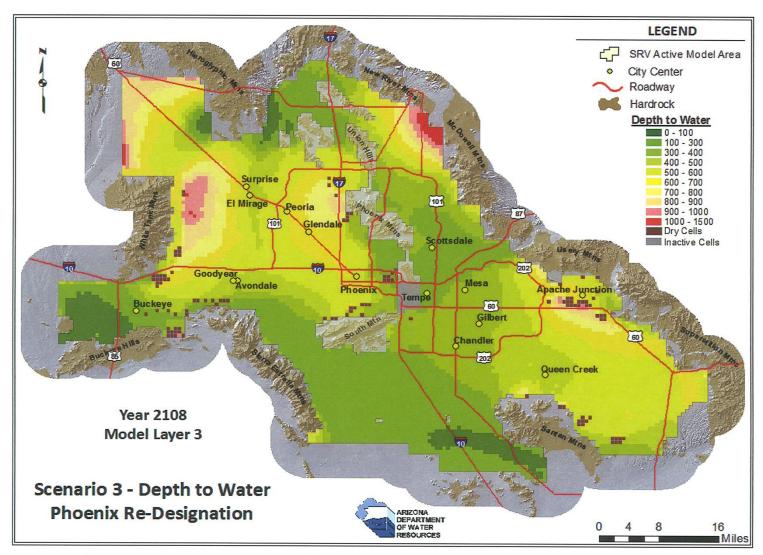


Figure 24. Scenario 3 - Depth to Water (DTW) of Layer 3 for the year 2108.

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MODEL SIMULATION RESULTS

The model run identified as H_AddedQCWC_H2O_MovWels (Attachment II) is the final AWS run that includes pumping to meet the water demands for QCW and H₂O. The revised figures depicting the model results are presented in Attachment III.

Drawdown after 100 years of pumping was calculated assuming that all wells continuously pump at the assigned pumping rates. The 100-year model simulates that the estimated annual ground-water pumping for QCW is 26,400 ac-ft/yr and for H2O is 15,841 ac-ft/yr from 2008 through 2108. Maps of ground-water level elevations after 100-years, 100-year drawdowns, 100-year depth to static water levels, and remaining saturated alluvial thickness above 1,000 ft bls are presented in Figures 2, 3, 4 and 5, respectively. Ground-water elevations after 100-years range from approximately 700 ft amsl to 900 ft amsl across the QCW. service area and range from approximately 900 to 1,000 ft amsl across the H₂O, Inc. service area. The depth-to-static ground water after 100-years at the simulated wells ranges from approximately 500 ft bls to 610 ft bls across the QCW service area and range from approximately 530 to 610 ft bls across the H₂O service area. This depth-to-static ground water is less than the 1,000 feet bls limit established for water providers in the Phoenix AMA by A.A.C. Rule R12-15-716. Comparison to the results of the model run without the added demands indicates that the additional pumping of 7,944 ac-ft/yr in the QCW area and 6,766 ac-ft/yr in the H_2O area resulted in a maximum of 180 feet of additional drawdown.

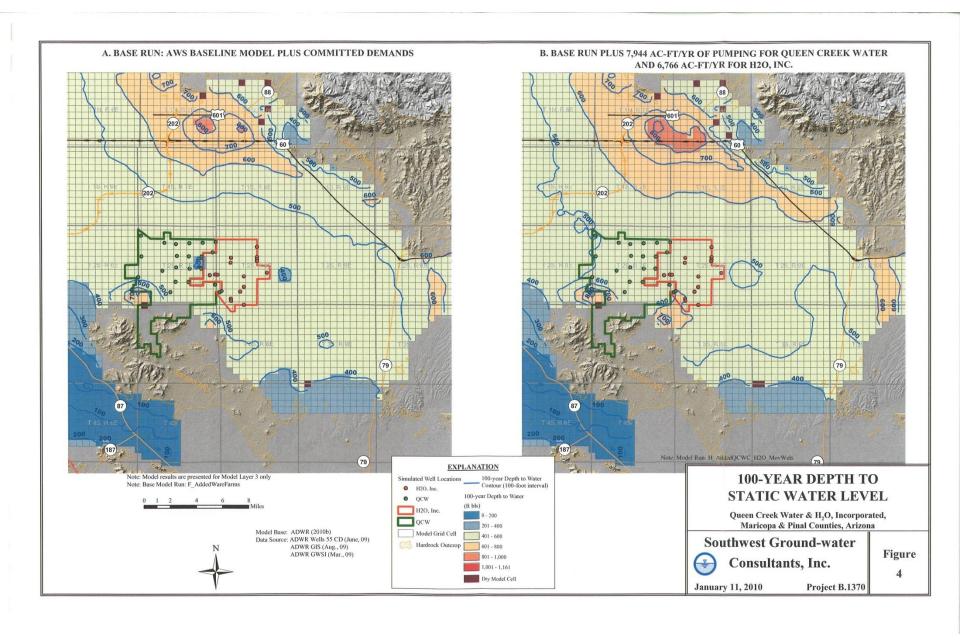
A digital copy of the MODFLOW input and output files for the analysis are provided in Attachment II.

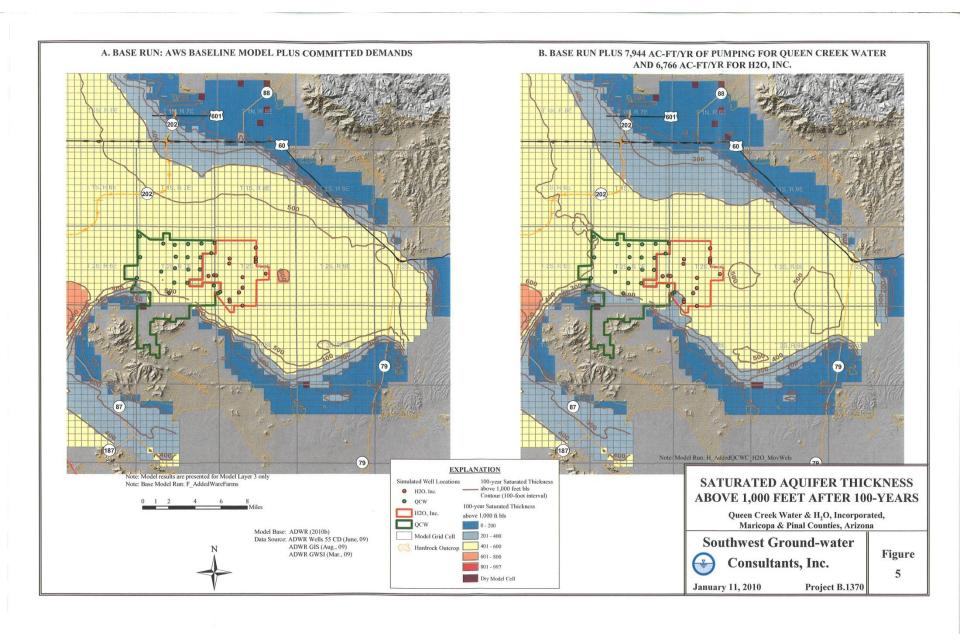
CONCLUSIONS

Southwest Ground-water Consultants, Inc. has completed this revised impact analysis in support of the PAD for Queen Creek Water and for H_2O , Incorporated. Based on the preceding information and calculations, SGC has made the following conclusions.

- The regional aquifer found beneath the subject property contains sufficient ground water to meet the demand of the Project and area ADWR issued demands for at least 100 years;
- 2. The 100-year depth to water level beneath the Project will not exceed 1,000 ft, bls.
- 3. Review of model results for scenarios with and without the additional pumping indicates that once wells are repositioned within water providers' service areas, no AWS wells in the model domain are caused to go dry or







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April 6, 2011

Mr. Paul Gardner Town of Queen Creek 22713 South Ellsworth Road, Building A Queen Creek, Arizona 85242

RE: Queen Creek Water Service Area Maricopa and Pinal County, Arizona, Phoenix AMA Issued Physical Availability Determination, revised balance DWR #51-501722.0001

Mr. Gardner:

On March 31, 2011, the Department issued a Physical Availability Determination (PAD) for the Queen Creek Water Service Area. The study area consisted of Township 2 South, Range 6 East, Sections 24 &25; Township 2 South, Range 7 East, Sections 3, 6-12, 14-23, 25-30, 32-36 and Township 3 South, Range 7 East, Sections 3-9, 17-20 within the GSR B&M in portions of Maricopa and Pinal Counties in Arizona.

The Department has corrected the PAD balance of both H20 Water Company and the Town of Queen Creek to correctly reflect the demands for Healy Falkner (DWR #28-700693.0001) as being assigned to H20 instead of Queen Creek. The corrected accounting is summarized below.

In accordance with A.A.C. R12-15-702(D), the Department determined that a minimum of **7,980 acrefect per year** of groundwater was physically available for 100 years under A.A.C. R12-15-716(B) for assured water supply purposes in the study area. Subsequent to issuing the PAD, the Department issued the following Analyses of Assured Water Supply (AAWS) relying on the PAD:

- 1. Barney Farms, DWR 28-700680,0000, issued for 1,718.89 acre-feet
- 2. Meridian Crossing, DWR 28-700681,0000, issued for 885,07 acre-feet
- 3. Sossaman Estates Phase B, DWR 28-700686.0000, issued for 1,758.07 acre-feet
- 4. Queen Creek Station-Jorde, DWR 28-700690.0000, issued for 1,110.54 acre-feet
- 5. Cloud and Crismon, DWR 28-700691.0000, issued for 1,401.5 acre-feet
- 6. Queen Creek Station-Commercial Corner, DWR 28-700692.0000, issued for 615.24 acre-feet
- 7. Victoria Estates Phases 5 & 9, DWR 28-700695.0000, issued for 246.82 acre-feet

As the total demands of these issued AAWS equal 7,736.13 acre-feet, there is 243.87 acre-feet remaining in Queen Creek's PAD for future Assured Water Supply applications.

