



April 5, 2011

Claire Zucker  
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RE: Pima County letter of March 30, 2011

Dear Ms. Zucker,

This letter is in response to the Pima County letter of March 30, 2011 to you regarding the Public Hearing for the Town of Marana 208 Plan Amendment held on the same date. The Pima County letter is, for the most part, an opinion document. Following is the Town of Marana's response to those questions that can be defined:

**Pima County:** "Does the town have the expertise to step into managing and operating a comprehensive wastewater treatment structure for the proposed area?"

The Town of Marana has the technical expertise and the financial capability to effectively staff, manage, and operate a sewer for the proposed area.

**Pima County:** "Does it make sense to change the existing DMA structure that has been in place and effectively operating for over 35 years?"

The Town of Marana is legitimately requesting control of its water cycle for the benefit of its residents in concert with the approved regional guidelines established by PAG in the 208 Areawide Plan. This question does not make sense in that context as it solicits an opinion.

**Pima County** states that they have "... operated the second largest wastewater system in Arizona with efficiency and cost effectiveness while remaining committed to system compliance and expansion in order to assure the best possible service and safety for all county residents."

The Town of Marana disagrees with Pima County's assertion.

**Pima County** requested additional financial information be included within the 208 Amendment:

The Town has provided the information required for a DMA request in accordance with the approved PAG 208 Areawide Planning Document.

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The Town of Marana has met each requirement established in the approved PAG 208 Areawide Management Plan for a 208 Plan Amendment and respectfully requests that PAG continue to move the Marana 208 Amendment to be the DMA within its general planning boundaries to the PAG Management Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dorothy O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dorothy O'Brien  
Utilities Director

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Cc: Gilbert Davidson, Marana Town Manager  
Barbara Johnson, General Manager Public Services  
Frank Cassidy, Marana Town Attorney  
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