



**DECLARATION OF COOPERATION
TO BE ENTERED INTO BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA,
THROUGH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER
RESOURCES**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF SONORA,
THROUGH THE
COMISIÓN ESTATAL DEL AGUA**

**FOR
INVESTIGATION OF BINATIONAL DESALINATION
OPPORTUNITIES**

Declaration of cooperation between the government of the State of Arizona, through the Arizona Department of Water Resources and the government of the State of Sonora, through the Comisión Estatal del Agua, for the investigation of binational desalination opportunities that will enhance the ability to develop additional water resources for Arizona and Sonora.

Whereas, through the mechanisms of the Arizona-Mexico Commission and the Comisión Sonora-Arizona, the states of Arizona and Sonora share an innovative, exemplary bilateral partnership; and

Whereas, this partnership is possible because of a history of trust and collaboration between Arizona and Sonora and, and has yielded tangible results; and

Whereas, this collaboration strengthens both states to act according to their commitment to improving the quality of life in our region; and

Whereas, the State of Arizona and the State of Sonora are both facing increasing water supply development challenges; and

Whereas, populations in the State of Arizona and the State of Sonora are increasing and the continuation of extended droughts place additional stress on existing water resources; and

Whereas, the development of additional water resources is indispensable for basic human needs, continued quality of life, and future economic development in both states; and

Whereas, desalinated ocean water may become more economically and technologically feasible to produce in the near future and may represent a drought-proof water supply; and

Whereas, importation of new water supplies developed outside of Arizona is consistent with Arizona's Strategic Vision for Water Supply Sustainability; and

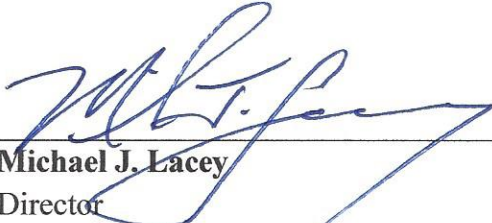
Whereas, investigation of binational desalination opportunities can support federal efforts in the United States and Mexico to address projected water supply and demand imbalances on the Colorado River.

Now, therefore:

**The States of Arizona and Sonora
Based on these Considerations, both pledge the following:**

To initiate a joint effort to evaluate the feasibility of Sea of Cortez desalination to augment and increase water supply resiliency in Arizona and Sonora .

This declaration is signed on Friday, the 20th day of June in the year 2014, within the framework of the plenary session between the Arizona-Mexico Commission and the Comisión Sonora-Arizona, held in Scottsdale, Arizona.

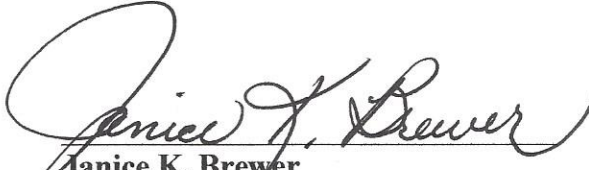


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