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RESOLUTION NO. 2018-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF THE TOWN OF QUARTZSITE'S RESOLUTION 17-07 BY THE MAYOR AND THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA, APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTRAL ARIZONA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE LEASE OF THE TOWN'S COLORADO RIVER WATER ENTITLEMENT FOR AN INITIAL TERM OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

WHEREAS, the Town of Quartzsite is a Municipality located in La Paz County, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the Town of Quartzsite are represented by their Mayor and Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Town Council of the Town of Quartzsite have adopted Resolution 17-07; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Quartzsite has a contract with the United States, Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation that allows the Town to divert and use up to 1,070-acre feet per year of Colorado River water ("Colorado River Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Quartzsite has determined it is currently not able to put its Colorado River water to use within the Town and it has therefore been available for use by others, including the Central Arizona Water Conservation District ("CAWCD"), without any payment to the Town since January 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Contract requires five-year reviews by the United States, with the right to reduce the quantity of water available to the Town, if not beneficially used; and

WHEREAS, the United States reserved the right to terminate the Colorado River Contract if the Town does not beneficially use the Colorado River water by January 28, 2029; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Quartzsite has determined that in order to put its Colorado River water entitlement to use itself: the Town would have to build infrastructure to take, deliver, treat and store the Colorado River water, which is estimated to cost at least \$20,000,000.00, according to available studies; and

