

RESOLUTION 2017-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA
AFFIRMING PIMA COUNTY GOALS FOR PROTECTION OF WATER QUALITY**

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA FINDS:

1. Water is essential to life and sacred to many religions;
2. The water cycle connects rainfall, runoff, surface water and ground water;
3. Pollutants entering the water cycle can be passed to other parts of the water cycle;
4. Clean water is essential to human health and the health of the plants and animals on which we depend;
5. Pima County residents rely on water derived from rain, surface runoff, underground aquifers, and the Colorado River;
6. Pima County has a role in managing watersheds and protecting water quality;
7. Local communities can participate in setting state and federal standards for the protection of water quality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Pima County shall participate in the Triennial Review of surface water quality standards in order to protect human health and the ecosystem functions on which wildlife depend;
2. Staff shall oppose efforts to diminish or remove water quality protections for Cienega Creek, Davidson Canyon, Buehman Canyon, or other Arizona Outstanding Waters;
3. Staff shall manage point source and non-point source pollution to maintain water quality at a level needed to ensure human and wildlife health now and for future generations;

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4. Staff shall consider the connections between activities affecting land and air and surface water and groundwater, in the exercise of their duties.

Passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Deputy County Attorney

TOM WEAVER