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Anthony J. Mejia, MMC, City Clerk  
City of Palm Springs  
3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

**RE: DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT ARENA PROJECT – WATER SUPPLY CONCERNS**

Dear Mr. Mejia;

To ensure that the existing water facilities that serve the proposed entertainment arena are sufficiently sized to meet the project design water demands, Desert Water Agency (Agency) will require, as a minimum, the following information from the design engineer:

- Domestic water flow demands
- Irrigation water flow demands
- Fire flow requirements for onsite facilities
- Fire flow requirements for surrounding hydrants

It should be noted that in 2003, the Tribe installed 16" diameter ductile iron pipelines within several downtown streets for possible future developments. Although these pipelines may provide the capacity to meet the water demands of the proposed project, they were not designed based on the entertainment arena water demands. Therefore, a new water system model analysis must be performed by the Agency, utilizing the engineer's design water demands.

The above referenced data is crucial for the Agency to determine if the existing water facilities are adequate to supply the necessary water for the project. If it is found that the current water facilities are unable to meet the design water demands for said project, the Tribe will need to install the necessary facilities, which may include larger water pipelines.

Another concern that the Agency has is having rights-of-way, or easements, necessary to operate and maintain facilities that serve the project. In 2015, the regulations governing rights-of-way over tribal lands changed. As a result of these changes, it is unclear if the Agency currently has legal rights-of-way to maintain or install new water facilities within the existing streets. The Agency must have proper authority for the installation, operation and maintenance of new water delivery facilities, if required to serve the project.

Finally, a concern that the City must consider is complying with SB 610, Water Supply Assessment.

If you should have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (760) 323-4971.

Sincerely,

Steve L. Johnson  
Assistant General Manager

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