HAVASU WATER COMPANY

NOTICE TO ALL HAVASU WATER CO. CUSTOMERS

January 28, 2026

Dear Valued Customers,

The Chemehuevi Indian Tribe (CIT) has erroneously obtained an interlocutory order to cutoff Havasu Lake's only access to the Colorado River and our only source of potable fresh water. This is contrary to the federal court's 1976 order, wherein a settlement was reached and an easement was granted by the United States Department of Interior and the CIT to Havasu Water Co. for as long a term "as may be required by the California Public Utilities Commission for the purpose of providing sufficient access to the Colorado River."

Per the terms of the federal court's 1976 order, and the government's settlement agreement, on April 17, 1985, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) entered a final order that was never appealed, stating: "The termination date of the contract with the Chemehuevi Indians to use the easement to cross their lands **shall be extended** to such a time as the easement is no longer necessary for providing public utility water service."

Thirty-five (35) years after the easement was extended by the PUC, the Tribe reneged on its promise to respect and abide by the PUC's 1985 decision, and then they went and filed a lawsuit, falsely claiming that the PUC never extended our easement.

The recent court order is being appealed on a number of grounds, including, but not limited to, the PUC already extended the easement in 1985, the Tribe's lawsuit was untimely, since they filed it sixteen (16) years after the deadline, not to mention the fact that Havasu Water Co. has the right to an easement by public necessity.

It is undisputed that the easement remains necessary for providing drinking water to the community. There is no alternative source of potable water for Havasu Water Co.'s customers other than the Colorado River. The order obtained by the CIT makes no provision for supplying water to any of Havasu Water Co.'s existing customers, and the Tribe has shown no interest in doing so. Moreover, even if the Tribe were willing to supply Section 36 with water, their wells do not have sufficient capacity to meet our needs, and the Tribe also does not have any of the infrastructure or water treatment facilities to do what Havasu Water Co. does. In other words, Havasu Water Co. is the only entity capable of providing water to Section 36, which is why we have been doing it for more than sixty years now.

This recent order appears to have been obtained to force those living in Section 36 to move without due compensation. If not overturned on appeal, the recent order will certainly destroy property values in Havasu Lake and make life unlivable here.

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All of Havasu Water Co.'s customers are invited to join us in fighting the appeal, which has already cost the company hundreds of thousands of dollars, which is money that could have been reinvested into modernizing our facilities. If we do not prevail, all of you will likely lose your properties and be forced to relocate, because people cannot live without water.

We will keep you informed of all new developments, and in the coming weeks, we will also provide you with ways to get involved as we continue to fight for our customers and for our community's right to exist.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

-The Havasu Water Company

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