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Dear Jason and the DNR Thresholds Response Team,

Yours has been a monumental task to be completed in a very short time. The Legislative directive certainly ramped up the discussion regarding water resource management especially considering the groundwater/surface water relationship. Gathering the data, assembling a stakeholders group, articulating the issues and science behind the resource challenges and creating a final draft for presentation has been well thought out. Kudos on a job well done.

Contingency plans had to be created to address future issues our state faces in water allocation taking into account all of the parameters as defined by current statute. Thank you very much for including golf in the process.

In general the document contains the requested information, provides relevant science and projects a defined framework. As a stakeholder representative, I understand the material presented and agree with the document's conjectures. At our last session Jason created a diagram worth investigating for inclusion.

You are already aware of the golf industry's concerns about equitable implementation of a future plan. Although not a part of this discussion, this use appropriation issue must be addressed. Golf is a willing participant in developing a reasonable solution to our, and the state's, water needs to include drought management options. Please allow us the opportunity for further discussion and recommendations.

With great appreciation of your hard work and inclusiveness, Respectfully Submitted,

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