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Personal History Information

As a full-blood elder "Aha-Macav", I have a duty and responsibility to speak-up and voice my objection for the sale and/or lease of our water. And this can only be done by becoming the Chairman and "lead by example". Leadership is not an easy task as you have to make decisions that may not be popular and affect people differently. But as I was told by a young Tribal member, "Our Chairman needs to be strong ; and make the right decision that benefits all of our Tribal members, not just a few-he must have a back-bone." I know this to be a true statement for all of our Tribal Council members.

The Colorado River Indian Tribes is unique in that we are comprised of four Tribes; Navajo, Hopi, Chemehuevi and Mohave. Ironically, the Navajos and Hopi's were brought here as "Colonists" to help preserve our reservation (and land base). As Tribes, our customs and beliefs all surround our duty to respect, protect, and preserve "Mother Earth". That includes our animals, birds, insects, land, trees, plants, minerals in the ground and water. If we do not strive to protect and preserve our natural resources-WATER; we will slowly cease to exist.

All the natural disasters that have/are occurring around the world this past decade have been foretold by all of our great past Tribal leaders of all the Indian nations, both past and present. But the world and our own country fail to heed "Mother Earth's Warnings".

The water drought that the west has experienced and continues to experience has also been foretold, but we are not doing anything to preserve our water, nor hold the Bureau of Indian Affairs accountable for their failure to uphold their "Trust Responsibility".

The State of Arizona and Central Arizona Project (CAP), thru a consortium of other energy and water companies have approached Arizona Tribes, who have allocated water awarded to them by the courts, in a "veiled" attempt to conserve water by putting portions of their water allocation into "Future Water Shares" bank, with the idea! When the Tribes run out of water, we can request our share of the water we saved.

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With the State of Arizona's continued growth and building, their demand for water will only increase. Do you think for a minute, when the Tribes run out of water and demand our water shares back, that the State of Arizona, its Towns, cities and businesses will be generous and give it back! I would venture to say, "Not Without A Fight".

Our water is a big issue of concern that will have a drastic and devastating effect on the Tribes' future and our future generations. If we continue to try and sell our water, this will no doubt be your future.

To our youth, who seem to have a profound understanding of the potential ramifications if we sell our water, this is your court and you need to voice your concerns by voting.

As a candidate for Chairman, I will not prolong my stay, other than to set us in the right direction so our younger generation can pick-up where we left off and continue our climb.

