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1 MS. LAFFOON: My name is Lawanda Laffoon. I'm a member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes and a  
member of the Consolidated Group of Tribes and Organizations. I am in full support of the statement  
made by our spokesperson, Richard Arnold.

2 And I don't speak on behalf of the Colorado River Indian Tribes. I would like to make a personal  
statement. As an American Indian, my perspective statement comes from one of protecting and  
3 preserving cultural resources. Therefore, I am in favor of the no-action alternative. Although the EIS  
document reflects the examination of the analytical structure, accumulative impact evaluations, and  
substantiates various scientific testing, various impact scenarios, etcetera, etcetera, for up to ten thousand  
years, the secondary impacts have not been considered and the effects it will have on the environment,  
especially water. And David Chavez spoke of some of the effects and some of the concerns that he has  
for his tribe. The Colorado River Indian Tribes' livelihood is based upon its economic base, agriculture,  
and water is very sacred.

4 The other thing that I would like to say is that, in my opinion, money speaks louder than positions.

Thank you.