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The Honorable Karen Fann, President  
Arizona State Senate

The Honorable Russell "Rusty" Bowers, Speaker  
Arizona House of Representatives

The Honorable Doug Ducey, Governor

The Honorable Mark Brnovich, Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General

Andy Tobin, Director  
Arizona Department of Administration

The Arizona Auditor General's Office has performed a review of the Attorney General's Office Colorado River Land Claims Revolving Funds' (Revolving Fund) receipts and disbursements for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020. We conducted our review under the authority vested in the Auditor General by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §§41-191.05 and 41-1279.03.

A.R.S. §41-191.05 requires the Auditor General to review the Revolving Fund's receipts and disbursements. The Revolving Fund's receipts are from Colorado River land claim monies recovered from the settlement of the State's sovereign land claims. State law requires 25 percent of these monies be deposited in a revolving fund the Attorney General's Office administers. In addition, State law permits disbursements from the Revolving Fund for costs the Attorney General and the State Land Commissioner incur in the investigation and prosecution of the State's claims of ownership of sovereign lands in the vicinity of the Colorado River.

Our review consisted primarily of examining accounting records and related supporting documentation and the Attorney General's Office fiscal year 2019 annual report for the Revolving Fund.

For fiscal year 2019, our review disclosed disbursements totaling \$2,268 for professional and outside services related to a land claim investigation, and for fiscal year 2020, disclosed no disbursements made from the fund. In addition, we found that the State did not deposit any receipts into the Revolving Fund during fiscal years 2019 or 2020. Finally, our review for fiscal year 2020 disclosed that the Attorney General's Office transferred the Revolving Fund's \$9,983 total fund balance as of August 27, 2019, to the State's General Fund in compliance with Laws 2019, Chapter 268, Section 7 (House Bill 2752).

We did not identify any instances of noncompliance related to the Revolving Fund's fiscal year 2019 disbursements or fiscal year 2020 transfer.

We express our appreciation to the Attorney General and his staff for their cooperation and assistance throughout our review.

If you have any questions regarding our review, please contact me or Donna Miller, Financial Audit Director, at (602) 553-0333.

Sincerely,  
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Auditor General

cc: Members, Joint Legislative Audit Committee