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Attn. Director Thomas Buschatske  
Arizona Department of Water Resources  
1110 West Washington, Ste. 310  
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Director Buschatske,

On behalf of the Kingman Common Council, we look forward to ADWR taking public comment on the establishment of an Irrigation Non-Expansion Area (INA) for the Hualapai Basin at the Mohave County Board of Supervisors auditorium on September 20, 2022.

Our community has been severely impacted by the rapid proliferation of industrial scale agriculture in our groundwater basin. Historically, agriculture has not been a significant user of our groundwater. In 2007, agricultural use was not even classified in reports cited by the USGS. Today, over 70% of the groundwater withdrawn for our basin is used for agricultural purposes. This is under current conditions with approximately 8,400 acres in cultivation. There remains another 69,343 acres owned by agricultural interests, but not currently in cultivation.

There have been over twenty private non-exempt wells drilled in our basin with a larger pumping capacity than any municipal well serving the Kingman Water System. USGS monitoring wells in the Kingman area show water levels declining from 40 to 48 feet from 1990 to 2020.

The Kingman Common Council thanks ADWR for their attention to our predicament. On behalf of the Council, I urge you to take any and all steps necessary to establish and designate an Irrigation Non-Expansion Area (INA) for the Hualapai Basin.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Ken Watkins, Mayor  
Kingman City Council

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