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Ms. Scantlebury,

I am a property owner in the Hualapai Valley Groundwater Basin and wish to submit a written comment re: the Public Meeting scheduled for 09/20/2022 in Kingman, AZ. My wife and I live on our 39-acre parcel just south of Hackberry, AZ and have an exempt well (55-577263) for domestic use. We are very concerned about the accelerated depletion of our groundwater supplies.

The ongoing drought, along with the massive increase of huge agricultural withdrawals in this area, is causing a negative recharge condition (overdraft). I fear that continued; unchecked large scale groundwater use will cause extreme hardship to our family by our loss of access to sufficient water to sustain ourselves and home. The costs to continually deepen our well, would be truly prohibitive on our fixed income.

We feel strongly that an Irrigation Non-Expansion Area (INA) is **NOT** a long term solution. The Arizona Groundwater Management Act of 1980 created Active Management Areas (AMA) for some urban areas of our state, to manage the groundwater consumption of large-scale users. However; rural Arizona residents were, and are, left **completely unprotected** from overdraft. In my way of thinking, if an AMA is a good management tool for Phoenix and Tucson, **it should apply to the entire state!**

New water rules in states across the U.S. have driven large-scale water users into Mohave County where there are no common-sense groundwater protections. The issues I have with creation of an INA here are:

- An INA only restricts NEW irrigation operations
- There are absolutely no limits on how much groundwater current large-scale water users may pump.
- INA guidelines have shown themselves to have many loopholes
  - No control on current irrigation user's wells being deepened or added and water use greatly expanded
  - Water rights may be transferred to new lands within the NA

In effect creation of an INA is just a temporary band-aid and we would still not be assured of an adequate groundwater supply. Please consider our basin, and all of AZ for AMA designation.

Yours,



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