
INA in Kingman

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I was present at the meeting of Sept 20th, it brought viable concern to everyone. The proposed solution is to implement a INA, I believe that there may be other solutions to the current situation. The community and agriculture in our area are both equally dependent on the underground water resources. Therefore, I urge you to find another way to rectify our current circumstances.

The community and the farmers know that we all need to do our part in conserving our water supply. From what was said by one farmer, they have created ways to conserve water, by utilizing a water reservoir in one instance, I propose that all sites should seek to do the same or keep the same practice of soil saturation monitoring and any other form of water conservation. We need them to continue growing crops for obvious reasons. In addition it was mentioned that some of the areas of land that they own are not being farmed, I was talking to a young man that suggested it be used for solar panels as a possible way to either create financial support or to use as a trade of energy for water from neighboring states. I am not certain how this idea could be brought about, but if it sparks an idea to help keep the aquifer intact I am certainly going to mention it.

Our community is capable of addressing this problem by responding in a reasonable manner, if an added solution is to raise rates and educate families in how they can conserve for their children's future I would expect they would respond positively. It was mentioned that we could also harvest rain water, I admit my knowledge of this is basic, but if we could reroute the water that runs through the washes in Kingman and purify it or reroute it to be used for the agriculture in the area this would also lessen the use of the basin. If rates are raised to provide funds to construct a project that will salvage our water basin then I believe it would be accepted by the community. As I said I do not pretend to know how this would work, but I am certain that it would also need a monitoring system due to the fact that our surrounding area has lakes and rivers that need a water supply as well.

There was mention of water collection for gardens, yards, laundry, toilet flushing and (if purified) as drinking water. If there is education supplied to the community and there are people interested in putting the effort toward personal water harvesting I would like to suggest a rate reduction for those who take on the responsibility. I would also like to suggest a discount on purchasing the supplies for the building of a water harvesting device. **Tamil Nadu was the first to utilize water harvesting, there are now several countries including China, Brazil and Thailand just to name a few.** I am hopeful that you read this with an open mind to the suggestions I have made.

Respectfully,

Maria Stafford