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**Subject: Letter of Support to Designate the Hualapai Valley Basin as an Irrigation Non-Expansion Area**

As a Mohave County Supervisor representing District 2, I am concerned about water issues in our County, and I want to ensure that all our communities continue to have access to water that is plentiful and affordable. I strongly support and encourage the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to use its authority to designate the Hualapai Valley Basin as an Irrigation Non-Expansion Area (INA).

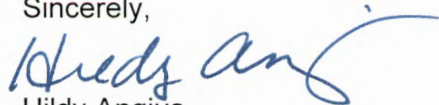
The Basin has seen over an 88% increase in the number of high-volume wells being installed over the past decade, with many more on the way. This is by far more than the County anticipated and means that the Basin's ground water is being depleted faster than we can replenish it.

Mohave County's General Plan lays out how we see our County growing and prospering. Our Plan does not anticipate large-scale farming or irrigation; however, by not having the Basin designated as an INA, the County and its taxpayers will be left holding the bag when the Basin reaches critical levels because large scale agriculture, mostly from out of state, have been allowed to drill wells and pump however much ever water they want out of the Basin. This can be avoided, and we have a chance of preventing this by having ADWR, designate the Basin as an INA.

Again, I support designating the Basin as an INA. Your Agency can provide us the management tools we need to ensure our County has water for years to come and that our region will continue to grow in the way we have planned in our General Plan.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at (928) 758-0713 or [angiuh@mohave.gov](mailto:angiuh@mohave.gov).

Sincerely,



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Supervisor, District 2



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