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## Hualapai aquifer

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Cc: [REDACTED]

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Dear Ms. Scantlebury

The purpose of this email is to express my support for discontinuing the expansion of agricultural drilling in the Hualapai aquifer and subsequent irrigation. According to what information your agency offered up at the recent meeting in Kingman the water resources are being used at a far greater rate than currently are restored and the majority of that usage rest in farming. That usage will not change and only worsen if more agricultural drilling is introduced. With the exception of a few 5-10 acre vinyards in my ares, all the recent planting has been thousands of acres of nut farms planted by out-of-state corporations. My research, confirmed by that of other community members, indicates that these trees will far exceed in water usage that of all the citizenry of Kingman and the surrounding areas. It also indicates that these trees will be consuming water resources for up to five and six years before producing a harvest and will use over one gallon of water per nut.

I'm a retired single home owner and have invested my money and my labor and my hopes in the home I planned to live out my life in. I have an active well that recently needed a new pump (and other work). I paid more than \$5,000 out of my savings to keep it pumping. WHY? Because humans need water to survive.

It's my hope that your agency will prioritize the basic needs of humans and citizens to survive over any corporation's interest to profit of water consumption. Thank you for taking time to read this and pass it on to your director.

Sincerely,  
H. Lee Barnes, Professor Emeritus College of Southern Nevada