



## MOHAVE COUNTY FARM & LIVESTOCK BUREAU



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RE: Mohave County INA

The Mohave County Farm & Livestock Bureau is opposed to the Irrigation Non-expansion Area (INA). There is no crisis in the Hualapai basin. The general results of a 3-year United States Geologic Survey (USGS) study of the Basin show more than 100-year water supply.

We question the modeling used at the presentation on the 20<sup>th</sup>. One example is the 80' drop in the well next to the Kingman Airport. The farm in 2021 started only 1 ½ year before and could not of caused the drop. The way it was presented gave the public the impression the farmer caused that drop, not the Industrial Park or the growth in the Kingman area.

We also question the farmers are using 60% of the water, where did that figure come from? Many of the farmers in the Hualapai Area are using new technology that uses 66% less water for their crops.

Our farms are being targeted with false assumptions and the lack of proper data. All of the users of the Hualapai aquifer should be consider in the study not just our farmers.

Other solutions are not being addressed or pursued to help the basin. What the Arizona Game & Fish are doing, removing 50,000 acres of over growth of cedars, helping to eliminate water used by the overgrowth with more water recharging the Aquifer. The Big Sandy NRCD has engaged with a hydrologist to identify where the best spots to place check dams and retention dams. The conservation technology the farmers are using and any other solutions to capture our rain water are needed. At this time less than 1-2% of our rain fall is being used to recharge our aquifers. We can do better, new technologies and water conservation by all is needed to solve our problems.

Please do not initiate an INA. Thank you for your consideration.

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