
Vote for Hualapai Basin INA

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Yes, on establishing a Hualapai Basin INA! The proliferation of commercial pistachio orchards in an area serviced only by ground water is a recipe for disaster for Arizona residents. Just the concept of establishing high water use farms in the high desert with only ground water available boggles the mind. Obviously, the farmers are coming to Arizona because of its archaic ground water policies. Inexpensive land and almost free water, without limit, is hard to pass up. A UC Davis/Beede report from 2004 shows mature pistachio orchards use between 3- 4acre feet per year. That equates to 30-40,000 acre feet of water for every 10000 planted acres. Just two of our current farms, Gold Leaf and Peacock Nuts, plan to cultivate close to 14,000 acres. With the anticipated draws on the Hualapai Basin the numbers do NOT add up for sustainability. The following article from 2019 gives a brief overview of the problems facing Mohave County and the State.

<https://www.azcentral.com/in-depth/news/local/arizona-environment/2019/12/05/biggest-water-users-arizona-farms-keep-drilling-deeper/3937582002/>

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