



Yes on Hualapai Basin INA

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I enthusiastically support the establishment of a Hualapai Basin INA. The Kingman population is entirely supported by ground water without which the town will die. There is no margin for error. It has been pointed out that the pistachio farms are primarily owned by out-of-state investors. As Pistachio orchards normally have a 20-year peak production life span I am sure that the profitability for these companies is in the short term. Pistachio trees take about 10-12 years to reach maturity and water use will steadily increase as the trees mature. As the majority of the orchards are at an immature stage current water use is much less than will occur in a few years. Any excessive draw down in ground water we see today will only be exacerbated in the future. Frankly, ADWR has failed in its mission to protect our states precious water resources by issuing unrestricted commercial well permits in areas serviced by only groundwater. It is time to get this corrected.

The following article gives a good rundown on the issue:

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

.As a precursor ADWR should cease issuing well permits in the Hualapai Basin until the INA issue is resolved

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