

November 17, 2022

Arizona Department of Water Resources
Att: Sharon Scantlebury, Docket Supervisor
1110 W. Washington, Suite 310
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Notice of Prohibition of Irrigation on New Acres (INA)

Arizona Department of Water Resources:

I am opposed to the proposed INA (copy attached, first notice) that will affect my family property listed below at Redlake, Arizona.

Gary W. Black and James A. Black, et al

Parcel #341-16-013 Redlake 37.93 Acres Mohave County
Parcel #341-16-014 Redlake 19.3 Acres Mohave County
Parcel #341-16-015 Redlake 37.56 Acres Mohave County
Parcel #341-16-016 Redlake 18.07 Acres Mohave County
Parcel #341-16-017 Redlake 37.91 Acres Mohave County

I have a deep understanding of responsible and sustainable water usage in agriculture. Water is our most precious resource.

While every municipality strives to provide its residents with water, how is it equitable to restrict my rights as a landowner to use the plentiful water beneath my land for agricultural purposes if I so choose? If the city of Kingman, AZ wants to assure that it has sufficient water supply for the future and is going to restrict the rights of property owners, the landowners should be compensated for their losses.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'James A. Black', written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

James A. Black and Family

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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES NOTICE OF PROHIBITION OF IRRIGATION ON NEW ACRES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources has initiated procedures to designate an irrigation non-expansion area (or INA) within the boundaries of the Hualapai Valley Groundwater Basin in Mohave County ("Proposed INA") pursuant to § 45-435 of the Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S."). The Hualapai Valley Groundwater Basin is the surface watershed area of Hualapai Wash excluding the watershed of Truxton Wash upstream of a boundary formed by the ridge line of the Music and Peacock Mountains. The area to be included in the Proposed INA is depicted in the map below.

The Department of Water Resources will hold a public hearing to present factual data in its possession in support of or in opposition to the Proposed INA and receive comments and evidence as to whether the Director should designate the Proposed INA as an irrigation non-expansion area.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 12, 2022 – Pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-434, irrigation users may irrigate only those acres of land within the Proposed INA which were irrigated at any time during the five years preceding the first date of publication of the notice (October 12, 2022). This limitation on the acres which may be irrigated shall continue in effect until the Director makes a final determination on the Proposed INA. "Irrigate" is defined in A.R.S. § 45-402 and means to apply water to two or more acres of land to produce plants or parts of plants for sale or human consumption, or for use as feed for livestock, range livestock or poultry.

WHERE:

Mohave County
Administration Building
700 W. Beale Street
Kingman, AZ 86401

WHEN:

Saturday, November 12, 2022
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official hearing notice, information regarding virtual participation, and other information are available at: <https://new.azwater.gov/hualapai-valley-ina-request>

