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Director Thomas Buschatzke  
Arizona Department of Water Resources  
Attention: Sharon Scantlebury  
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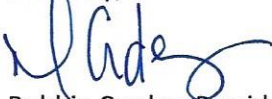
RE: Public Comment Hualapai Valley Groundwater Basin INA

Dear Director:

Please accept this public comment on behalf of the Mohave County Landowners Association supporting the designation of the Hualapai Valley Groundwater Basin as an Irrigation Non-Expansion Area. Our association primarily represents property owners who reside outside of Arizona and purchased land in Mohave County, expecting to eventually develop their properties or see a return on their investment. Most of these owners will rely on groundwater to serve their future needs. An assured water supply is the lifeblood of Arizona, and the Legislature has continued to ignore a call for developing tools specific to rural Arizona. An Irrigation Non-Expansion Area designation is one of the only tools available.

The effect of unrestricted groundwater pumping is evident in the Hualapai Valley Groundwater Basin, where the outflow is four times greater than the inflow. According to information presented by ADWR at the November meeting, since 2000, 67% of the GWSI wells in the Hualapai Valley Groundwater Basin that had available data showed a decline. The only thing that has significantly changed in this area over the last twenty years is the emergence of large-scale agriculture. In rural Arizona, outside of management areas, large-scale wells are not metered. This continued lack of oversight is unrealistic given current drought conditions and the tremendous demand for water in the western United States. We urge you to protect this vital resource by designating the Hualapai Valley Groundwater Basin as an Irrigation Non-Expansion Area.

Sincerely,



Robbie Cordes, President

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