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The Arizona Department of water Recourses

Attn: Director Buschatzke

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Subject: Opposition to INA implementation in Hualapai Valley Groundwater Basin.

Dear Director Buschatzke,

I would like to **urge non- implementation to INA** in Hualapai Valley for the following reasons

1. The difference between actual water uses and the water use report by the USGS studies are not accurate and misleading and are based on studies done for California farmers not Arizona. ADWR admitted that the USGS data is based on the farm usage of California farmers and not the farms being in the Hualapai basic.
2. We are using improved and technologically advanced methods for our irrigation operation which has reduced water usage dramatically.
3. The water use reported by the farmers is only 20% of the usage being modeled by ADWR, masking the assumption that INA is needed, when in fact it is not true. ADWR needs to have correct data before holding a meeting to initiate an INA and allow a full and proper review of all the data and not just what is politically convenient to use as a basis for creating an INA.
4. In addition, creation of INA would allow for water transfers out the basin something which currently cannot be done under Arizona law. We need assurances that this is not an effort of CAP or the SRP to grab our water and transfer it out of the basin. It is much needed to fully investigate and respond to these issues are imperative before ADWR takes any action one way or the other on the INA.
5. We have spent substantial resources and have placed nonrefundable deposits for further agriculture activities, which will drastically affect the future of businesses if INA is approved.
6. Agriculture will bring much needed revenue to the local Bussiness and community at large

Thank you for your kind consideration

Sincerely,


Rocky Dhaliwal