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I spoke at the second meeting and listened to the presentation and comments.

Rather than making a long argument against the INA I would like to ask to rerun the models with the new usage numbers that the farms have provided. At some point it's going to be required, so let's look at it now. With these numbers I don't believe that a INA is required as in the past.

It seems to me that there are many people that come to the hearing and classify themselves as experts or try to convince us they are experts on hydrology and farming.

Who is an expert, or we can ask who are the experts?

I firmly believe we as farmers have as many expertise or more than most present. We work with wells and ground water daily.

Many get up and speak but have very little knowledge of water wells, and the life of a water well. I haven't heard anyone mention that 35 to 50 years is the life of a well. We hear about how much its going to cost to replace a city well and those numbers seem inaccurate, but these cities wells will have to be replaced anyways in the next 50 years regardless of farming or not.

Another major factor that isn't mentioned in the presentations is that wells often corrode the perforations in the slots in the casing shut. This alone can change how the water flows into the well and the water table reading. Have cameras been lowered down to the perforations and check to see if they are still open?

A important point is that the City has plenty of well fields they can pump from and I'm sure they are not telling new industries that are interested in moving to the area that water is limited.

Thank You

Steve Schmidt & Family