



Overview of Groundwater Management Tools

Arizona Water Initiative
Cochise Planning Area
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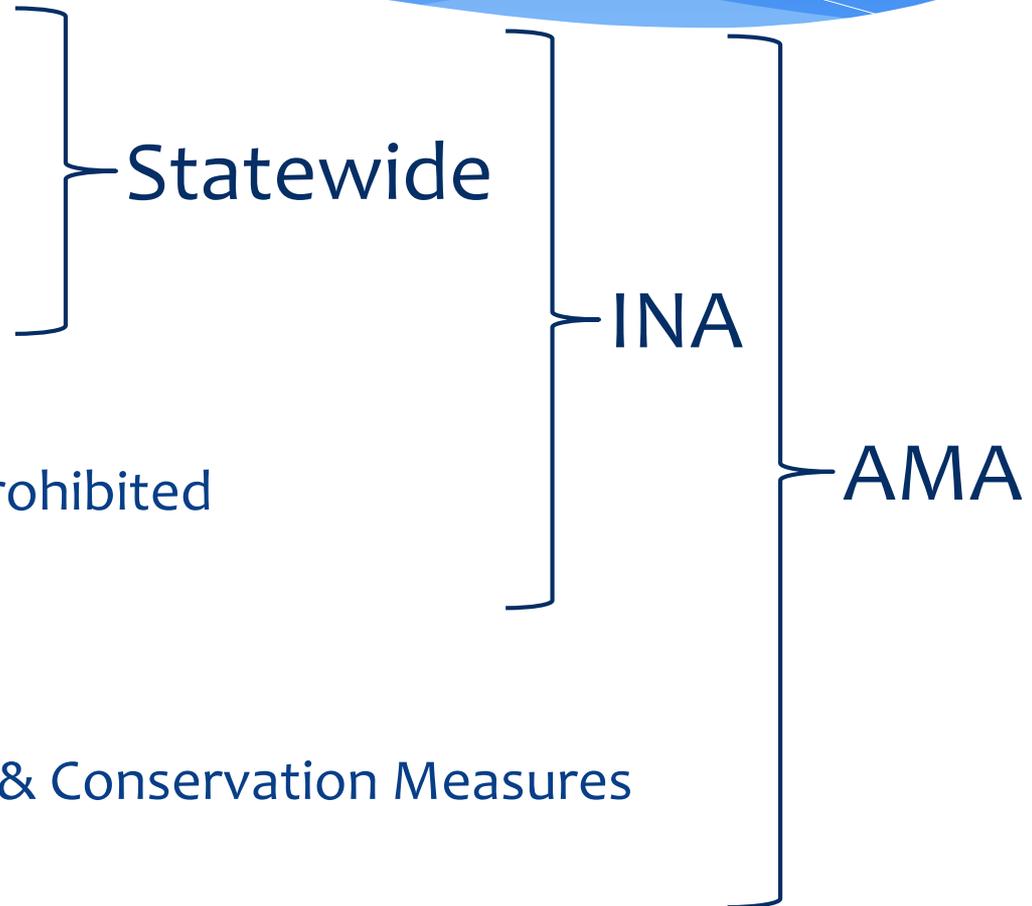
- Registration of all wells
- Adequate Water Supply
- Community Water Systems Documentation

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- Expansion of irrigation is prohibited
- Monitoring and Reporting

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- Management Goals, Plans, & Conservation Measures
- Withdrawal Fees



Cochise Planning Area

Current Status

- Includes the portion of the Douglas Basin which is an Irrigation Non-expansion Area (INA)
- Only limitation on groundwater use outside an AMA or INA is that it must be put to beneficial use and be withdrawn from a legally constructed and registered well.
- In Arizona, groundwater in an aquifer is considered a public resource. The Arizona Supreme Court held “there is no right of ownership of groundwater in Arizona prior to its capture and withdrawal from the common supply”.

Cochise Planning Area Future Options

- AMAs and INAs are the only two management tools that are currently available in statute.
- Could the existing tools be part of the consensus based solution set?
 - Non-regulatory opportunities
- Other options might need to be passed legislatively.