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To: Arizona Department of Water Resources
Water Management Division
3550 N. Central Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85012
Attn: Doug Dunham, Deputy Assistant Director

Re: Groundwater Transportation from the Big Chino sub basin

Dear Mr. Dunham,

As residents of the State of Arizona and property owners in the Williamson Valley, we would request your consideration of the rules governing the groundwater transportation from the Big Chino sub basin by the City of Prescott. Specifically, I desire that A.R.S. 45-555(A – E) be revised as follows:

1) Volumetric limits: reduced from 14,000 af/yr to 4,500 af/yr.
2) Average volumetric limits: reduced from 3 af/ac to 1 af/ac.
3) Well impact analysis be required and Depth/decline limits be imposed.

We believe these reductions are in line with the fact that the City of Prescott land is roughly 4500 acres in area, with 3300 of them historically irrigated. If we limit the withdrawal of groundwater approximate to past averages, we believe the aquifer will easily support the needs of both ranchers and residents in Williamson Valley for years to come.

We purchased our current property and established full time residence because of the availability of ample, high quality groundwater. We would hate to see the actions of the City of Prescott endanger this most precious resource.

Thank You,

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