

Sharon Scantlebury

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From: Cemal Basaran [mailto:cemalbasaran2@gmail.com]
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To: Jeff Trembly; CarmenRose Brittan; Michelle A. Moreno; Cemal Basaran; Cheryl Glenn; lynne ray
Subject: San Simon Valley INA

Arizona Department of Water Resources

Re: San Simon Valley Sub-basin INA

We own 443 acres (both surface and mineral rights) in San Simon valley Parcel ID 02 BK MP Parcel 304-01-010 Section 0001 Township 014 Range 029
Lots 1 2 3 4 5 & lot 6 SW & W2 SE EXCEPT S100' SEC 1 14 29

I, Dr. Cemalettin Basaran and My Wife, Carmen R. Brittan **strongly oppose** the Designating an Irrigation Non-Expansion Area (INA) for the San Simon Valley Sub-basin. For the following reasons.

1- Water is a scarce mineral like gold and copper. Just because some land owners started using up the water more than they should does not mean that they should be given a pass to steal this mineral from everyone else in the area. Water should be distributed according to the available underground resources equally among all land owners. Yes this means that the farmers will have to buy water from out of town suppliers to continue their operation. Farming is a commercial operation just like making cars, water is an input and must be purchased and paid for just like car companies buy metals to make cars. They are not allowed to steal metals from mine pits just because the price of metal has become too high. If the INA is designated the value of grandfathered farms will skyrocket and the value of everyone else's property will plunge. We expect to lose in excess of \$800,000.00 if INA is declared. This is not fair and unacceptable. Water must be rationed equally among all land owners according to their acreage. Water in farming is an input just like fertilizer. **It must be paid for not stolen from your neighbors.**

2- We propose that scarce water resources are divided equally among all land owners and rationed according to the aquifer levels and acreage of each landowner.

Thank you

Dr. Cemal Basaran and Carmen Brittan
Land Owners in Sam Simon Valley Basin