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Subject: Public Comment in Opposition to the San Simon Valley Sub-Basin INA
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ADWR Director,

I am a small farm owner in Southeastern AZ. I have read and made myself aware of the proposed INA in the San Simon Sub-Basin as well as the plans to place an INA in the Willcox Sub-basin by a few members of the local farming areas. I attended the May 16th, 2015 meeting in Bowie, AZ.

I was one of the hundreds not told anything about these plans until after these plans were in stone and the State of Arizona placed a temporary injunction on new agricultural development. I understand that the ADWR was not given all of the facts and acted believing that these petitioners were being honest and up-front with information. This is far from the truth!

Many of these large investors and farmers have been planning this action quietly for well over a year or two. What angers this community the most is that these “few” have plotted and planned against their own community, not for the preservation of water resources, but for the preservation of investors’ money. If they had any real concern for water and preservation of water tables, they would have involved the community in the beginning. Instead, they began opening huge plots of new lands and drilling literally millions upon millions of dollars of new very large agricultural wells. This is obviously not showing a concern for water resources in our valleys.

The next concern is that these investors and farmers were able to use the State of Arizona against her own tax-payers for their personal/financial benefit. They are trying to use a law that was placed for the good of the people and our water for their own financial benefit.

This action will have the effect of exponentially increasing the value of the petitioners land, while at the very same time exponentially decreasing the value of all other lands owned by the “vast” majority of the local communities.

Please deny this INA for the right reasons and lets all look for the correct and fair measures to address water resources in Arizona.

Respectfully,
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