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3550 North Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85010

RE: Proposed Irrigation Non-Expansion Area [INA] for San Simon Valley Sub-basin

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I presently own an irrigation well, registered and water-righted in 1935 for 175,000,000 gallons. Permit #A-1628, Certificate # 35-1678. Re-registered in 1982, #55-61298, located: Sect 26, T17S, R31E.

This farm was first planted in Apple Trees in 1911 and irrigated with surface water. The water-right was adjudicated in 1920 and recorded in Cochise County. This parcel has been continuously irrigated and planted in orchards, hay, or pasture since 1911.

I would like to know why I was never contacted, in any way, at any time, as to the Proposed INA petition.

I have grave concerns about not being able to use my irrigation well. **I feel this is an obvious TAKING of established water-rights and therefore automatically REDUCES LAND VALUES.**

In the fifty [50] years that I have been irrigating there has been no or insignificant draw-down of the aquifer despite a major, long-term draught. When we look at the Sulphur Springs Valley Aquifer to the West or the Animas Valley [New Mexico] Aquifer to the East, there is significant draw-down primarily because those valleys have not had sufficient recharge.

Therefore, I am **not in favor** of establishing an INA for the San Simon Valley Sub-basin.

Sincerely,



