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Mr. Jeff Tannler
Statewide AMA Director
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RE: Enhanced Aquifer Management: Alternative Cut to the Aquifer

Dear Mr. Tannler,

The Town of Chino Valley appreciates the opportunity to provide comment to the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) regarding the draft concept to increase the cut to the aquifer by up to 20%. The current draft outlines several alternatives that allow for the cut to be increased from its current 10% to 0% to 20% depending on proximity to withdrawal and aquifer response.

Overall, the Town of Chino Valley is interested in all methods that will allow the Prescott AMA to attain safe yield however, we do not believe that the implementation of this policy will provide the desired outcome. The Town has a very limited water and sewer system and a proliferation of exempt well owners. To decrease the amount of water credits that the Town gets from recharge credits would further diminish any incentives that an exempt well owner have to tie onto the Town's utility system.

The use of recharge credits is very important to the Town. The current cut of 10% provides some amount of water that can be applied to safe yield, yet it provides no incentive for septic system owners to participate in the public utility system. We believe that should the State provide incentives to extend water and sewer infrastructure would provide a better vehicle to increase recharge and move closer to safe yield.

As such, the Town of Chino Valley is currently opposed to proposed ADWR Enhanced Aquifer Management: Alternative Cut to the Aquifer policy. We believe that there are better and efficient methods that must be employed to assist the Prescott AMA in attaining safe yield.



If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (928) 636-7140.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Gritman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ron Gritman, P.E.
Public Works Director/Town Engineer

