

Dear Sharon Scantlebury
Docket Supervisor
Arizona Department of Water Resources
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Dear Sharon Scantlebury,

As a mother of three, I'm very concerned about the water situation that is apparent in our community. I am a home, well owner, living off of Webb Road, and witness the massive growth of trees, grapes, cattle feed depleting our short amount of water as is in our aquifers. This water will not be replenished in the amount of time in keeping our residents in their homes. My children love this land, and have no intentions of moving when they are of age. Unless, they are driven out due to the lack of water.

If the AMA is to protect the citizens of this valley, why does Cooperate Agriculture continue to thrive? In your position why are you not able to police the situation? Where would my family go if they do not have their home, as the cost of a new home with land is beyond my means. I am a single mother doing the best I can and this would just kill me.

It's crucial that the extraction of ground water be stopped as soon as possible. It is fast approaching the year mark and nothing seems to have stopped, growing by leaps and bounds. Other AMAs are looking at a 45 year stability, but that has not been successful as we are in the worst situation as we know it.

The word "attempting" is very weak, and should not be written into the AMA. There is no attempting in a situation, as it is either accomplished or not.

It was stated that having Cooperate Agriculture move into the area would improve the job situation here, but that is the farthest from the truth. Farmers have lost their livelihood, Ranchers have lost cattle, stores have closed as large business do not purchase locally. Residents are not working in the fields as workers are obtained with permits from across the border, as well as machines.

It's imperative that water rights for local residents over non-local corporate interests be held to the highest degree.

Thank you for your time in reading this, and appreciate anything you can do to secure my families future.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Bernal