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Dear Sharon Scantlebury,

I am a resident and well-owner in the Douglas Basin. I have already experienced my well having to be drilled deeper which is very frustrating as I look out my window and seeing thousands upon thousands of Pecan trees going in well after the freeze of August 30, 2022. I don't understand how this is being allowed as it went into effect as a law, and regardless, people in this valley continue to break it. The hardest thing for me is the fact that there are no consequences for this behavior.

Weekly I hear on the news of our state having a water shortage, and homes no longer having access to water. Yet, this massive corporate agriculture continues on with no concern for the individuals that live here. The water should be used by local farmers, and ranchers. But, that is not the case. This mass raping of our land and water is being done by greed of others outside of the state. Why don't the individuals who have a voice stop it!

The AMA was made very clear to those that took the time to understand and abide by the rules, but so many are not. I realize that the ADWRs proposed management goal are insufficient in addressing the situation as they are short handed, and there seems to be no follow through on the laws that are being broken.

We have people here that their wells have dried up and have to buy the water to be delivered. Where is the concern for these individuals? Residents are hauling water in plastic containers which is ridiculous with all the growth going in across the streets. How is this being allowed?

How can the rate of aquifer depletion be reduced when millions of grapes have been planted, and nothing stops them. How can this depletion stop! It is crucial that our local farmers and ranchers survive here and not giving our land over to Riverview and others!

We need our AMA to protect local residents, and not the dollar. If our goal is to reduce in 10 years, that is not possible, as the growth just continues. We are all intelligent people and know that the ice cream cannot be replenished when someone continues to eat it all up.

You are in the position to stop this, as each one of you represents us! We trust you and want you to do what is right! Allowing our land to be raped in my opinion does not show that our concerns are yours. Please help us,

I recently read a paragraph written by the CEO of Riverview stating that they will be here for 50 years. When they pull out, the citizens of this area will know what it is like to truly live in a desert. I find that disgusting as it will take 200 years for the re growth of natural vegetation and how about the water?

Some suggestions:

Pivots should not be in service 24 hours a day.

During the heat of the day, 60% of the water is evaporated.

Does not take a brain surgeon to understand why a well is being worked on in the middle of the night.

Sincerely,

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