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To the ADWR

As a resident of McNeal in the Douglas Basin I am very concerned about the depletion of the groundwater in the Douglas basin. The thought of my well going dry is horrifying. I believe something must be done to save our land from turning into a barren empty desert.

The residents of the basin voted in an AMA to "support the general economy and welfare of the residents of the basin by stopping the long-term decline of the local water table". I am hopeful that with the AMA in place the water table will in fact be able to be stabilized in a reasonable time frame.

There are many generational farms here in the basin who don't need to be harmed by irrational regulation such as demanding everybody in the basin cut water use by 30% regardless of their present use. The problem isn't with the local farmers or residents, the problem is with the giant corporate farms that have moved in from out of state. They are stealing millions of gallons of water from the locals with complete disregard. The products and profits from these mega farms are not kept in the community, they go out of state and even out of the country.

There are ways to stabilize the water tables without hurting or eliminating the local farmers. Setting a maximum water extraction per person, farm, or corporation is one option. Anyone using more than a set amount (say ten acre feet per year) should be required to cut back a certain percentage per year until they meet the required maximum allowed. Anyone violating this ordinance should be fined a very high amount which would increase every month if they don't comply. If they still don't cut back, their property and equipment should be confiscated and auctioned off to benefit the local community.

Please, save our farms and support the residents of the Douglas Basin.

Thank you,
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