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Ms. Natalie Mast  
AMA Director  
Arizona Department of Water Resources  
1110 W. Washington St. Suite 310  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Active Management Area (AMA) of the Douglas Basin, Cochise County,  
Arizona

Dear Ms. Mast,

The proposed Douglas Basin AMA goal is sole fully inadequate and the ADWR should be embarrassed to have even proposed it.  
In no way does it reflect the wants and needs of the Douglas Basin People.

The following are my humble recommendations:

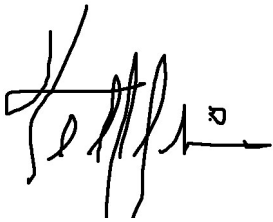
**The “Goal” should acknowledge, state, and/or apply the following:**

- “A frog does not drink up the pond in which it lives”- Indigenous Proverb
- The Haudenosaunee Law of Seven Generations
- The Sacred nature of water to the desert and its people
- Set a road map on how we use water into the next century
- Rename the basin **“Douglas/Aqua Prieta Basin”**
- The needs of the People of Aqua Prieta and surrounding areas
- The contributions of the pioneer families that in the basin
- The small farm community
- The problem with large industrial farming
- The lack of information concerning the make up of water in the basin
- Commit the necessary resources to create a 3D interactive model of the basin
- There will be much much more water
- We need to hold water
- The beauty of the natural environment in all its richness and diversity
- The need for habitat restoration
- The need to address the pollution from the mining industry
- The need to address the pollution from pesticides and herbicides
- The need to address the problem with fecal waste both human and animal

- We are in a food desert
- The need to move to a organic base food production model
- The precepts of **“Permaculture Farming”**
- The use of GMO seeds
- Create a Basin “Seed Bank”
- The new “Port of Entry” and its impact on the urbanization of the basin

The Goal should acknowledge the need for “Clean Water” in which the people of the basin can grow and prosper within this magnificent natural environment around us.

Thank you for considering these proposals.  
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helffrich', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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