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Support Higher Reduction Levels for the Douglas 1st Management Plan

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The overdraft in the Douglas Basin will require significant long term reductions of groundwater withdrawals to get the basin into balance with natural recharge or even to significantly slow the current rates of decline and subsidence.

I fully support reaching a minimum of 20% reduction by year 10 of the management plan. It seems like we often want to ease the pain of these reductions by going slow but it is important to acknowledge that going slow will further the pain for those with shallower wells used for domestic and agricultural purposes -- and drilling a new well for many these folks is not an option even for some of the smaller farms. A 20% reduction in pumping in the first management plan will provide noticeable improvement in slowing the rate of decline and buy more time for the wells that are most threatened...better to make this progress up front in the first plan and then maybe slow down a bit in subsequent plans -- the long term effect will be much more beneficial for the wells that are most threatened than starting out too slow.

I live in the Willcox Basin and as we are currently in the process of AMA designation we look to the Douglas AMA to help lead the way towards meaningful reductions in groundwater pumping in the first management plan.

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