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Arizona Dept. of Water Resources
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- When the AMA's were created they were for the cities, not Agriculture. Senator Jon Kyle said to leave Agriculture alone.
- On January 2, 1957 the Arizona Water Resource Committee was formed. Dr. George Barr founder of the U of A Dept. of Agriculture Economics formed "The Barr Team" Twenty plus years later, and with multi-million dollars for research the consensus was to remove Chaparral to increase water yield.
- The Douglas Water Basin has mesquite trees. One mesquite tree uses 25 gallons of water a day.
- Bisbee carried the votes to pass the Douglas AMA with 743 votes. Because they want the AMA I propose their goal will be to pump water from the Douglas Basin.

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instead of the San Pedro River + Basin. They are transferring water from one basin to another, Arizona Water Company will be responsible to comply with laws + regulations

- Fire Season is upon us. Farmers and Ranchers often supply dipping sites for wildland fires. With the AMA in place farmers and ranchers will no longer be able to afford to pump water into these tanks to help suppress wildland fires. Fire fighters need those dipping sites.

- This AMA needs to be put on the back burner until more thought is put into it. More water studies need to be done in the area. Those who created the AMA on the ballot for the Douglas Basin now wonder what they have done. They did not know

the impact it would have on the economy.

- On Sept. 25, 1974 Bill Hurst Southwest Regional Forester spoke at the 18th Annual Watershed Symposium saying, "The land areas in Arizona having the greatest potential for water yield also produce other resources and values that are cherished by the public or are in high demand"
- Build some reservoirs and re-charge stations with run off water.
- Farmers and Ranchers need input and an economic analysis considered.

lets not forget about the history of what Arizona was built on. The three C's. Copper, Cotton, and Cattle.

The Ama in the Douglas Basin is to Cochise County what Russia is to Ukraine. It will ~~kill~~ destroy the area.

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