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Director Buschatze,

You must realize that the Douglas Basin AMA ADWR goals as they are set now are a bad joke. When you talk about economic well being, but fail to take any serious action on stabilizing and preserving the Basin groundwater, that is hard to take seriously. What is the economic future of the Douglas Basin if you're "attempting" to "reduce" aquifer depletion in the next decades, but not committing to stabilizing and maintaining water out/water in balance asap?

As the all too true statement goes, WATER IS LIFE. There is 0 economy without water. And that is the future ADWR is planning for us.

You all know very well what the intention was for those of us who voted for the AMA. We wanted industrial agriculture and any plans for large developments removed from the Valley. That is what is causing, to the greatest extent, the growing speed of aquifer depletion. Corporate Agriculture is wholly inappropriate for a scarce water environment. (It's probably inappropriate altogether, but that's another matter.)

Then you guys come along and have all these requirements for this and that paperwork, applications and fees for the small and medium farmers and ranchers who have been here, live here, and are not the problem.

ADWR has not been our friend. The farmers and ranchers didn't trust "big government." Right they were. But either way, we are swindled out of our water - either by Corporate Agriculture interests, 98% of whom do not live in Sulphur Springs Valley, or by "big government" 99% of whom don't live in this Valley.

What you need to do is STOP right now and, if you are truly concerned with the economy of the Valley and the well-being of those of us who live here, listen to us. Let us, we who live here, those of us who have commercial interests and those of us who simply have our homes and lives here, let us come together and find an AMA that honestly works and preserves the Douglas Basin and its economy.

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