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## AMA Douglas Management Plan comments

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To who it may concern,

I am a resident of the Douglas Groundwater Basin and the draft of the Douglas Basin Management goal does not properly serve the current pressing groundwater situation of the valley and needs to be vastly improved.

It is vital that the AMA management goal will:

- Maintain current, 2023, groundwater levels
- Work boldly towards safe yield, five years from now, in 2028
- Mitigate ground subsidence and earth fissures and the damage they cause in our communities
- Collaborate with the Government of Mexico to ensure partnership in conserving the groundwater we share
- Impose water fees for the largest users in the Basin

The current language of the goal is also flawed: "attempting" to reach any groundwater goal needs to be replaced with "will achieve". The word communities also needs to be more carefully defined. With the influx of large out-of-state growers quickly moving in and depleting our groundwater resources, I am wary of who ADWR is referring to with the term "communities". The welfare and economy of our locally residing water users should be placed above the industry who were a part of creating the problem in the first place.

Last, it is my understanding that the purpose of the ADWR meetings in Douglas is to get feedback from the community on different facets of the new AMA. The past two meetings were simply not scheduled during days and/or times that would allow the average person to attend. Having to leave work at 3:30/3:45 in the afternoon is not possible for most people who have day jobs, myself included. It is important to make these meetings accessible and allow people's voices to be heard. I strongly urge that future meetings need to be held later on weekday evenings or on weekends.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Ashley Dahlke