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## Initial Draft Goal -- Douglas AMA

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I write to comment on ADWR's Initial Draft Goal for the subsequent Douglas AMA. The IDG is weak. The language "attempting to reduce the rate of aquifer depletion" is totally inadequate to the situation the residents of the Douglas basin find themselves in. **THE GOAL, TO BE ACHIEVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SHOULD BE "SAFE YIELD," WHICH MEANS REQUIRING MEASURES THAT ASSURE NO MORE WATER OUT THAN NATURE PUTS IN.**

The goal also needs to address the fact that corporate interests are exporting (in the form of crops and livestock shipped out of the state) water needed by the residents of the basin. ADWR must assure **transparency** so that citizens have access to pumping records of the largest corporate farms. Residents must know which entities are draining the aquifer most egregiously.

The goal of the AMA must be to make it **expensive** for those entities depleting the groundwater by imposing graduated **withdrawal fees** for the largest users.

Respectfully,

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