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## My Informal comments on ADWR's Initial Draft Goal (IDG) for the Douglas Basin AMA

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Though I do not reside in the Douglas Basin, I would like my comments to be seriously considered ... because I would want these comments to apply to a Draft Goal for hopefully forthcoming Willcox Basin regulations as well.

"Attempting to reduce the rate of aquifer depletion" is NOT an acceptable goal.  
The the goal must be to ACHIEVE (not just attempt) REDUCED DEPLETION (not just the rate).

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.

Furthermore, the goal must make clear that "to support the general economy and welfare of communities in the basin" means to SUPPORT THE SMALL FARM AND RURAL RESIDENCE LIFESTYLE of the basin, not the mega-corporation industrial agriculture that has in the last few years led to the aquifer depletion that led to the vote for the AMA in the first place.

That is: BIG MONEY INTERESTS WITH THE BIGGEST STRAW MUST NOT BE GIVEN ADVANTAGES OVER SMALLHOLDERS.

Respectfully submitted,  
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