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Ben,

In addition to the comments I previously made regarding standards of access and applicability for rural domestic groundwater users to the municipal/domestic supply being created through the storage projects proposed by the IWRMP, I am also concerned about the demand on that supply. I believe a certain level of predictability for determining allotment should be included in the discussion of the newly created municipal/domestic supply. Where growth is concerned, predictability and a minimum level of security are essential for investment by the private sector. In that light, I ask the following question:

To provide a minimum level of predictability for access to the newly created supply for municipal and domestic use, would the Workgroup consider allotting portions of the supply to sub-regions within the basin based on historical and anticipated demand?

This would create a minimum level of certainty that at least some water will be made available through this effort to meet potential demand in every region of this growing basin, while still allowing those areas with the greatest demand the ability to meet that demand on a first-come, first-served basis.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment and I look forward to the discussion.

Sincerely,

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