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Dear Ms. Adams,

Unfortunately my computer will not download your official forms, it is a 2004 Apple. In lieu of that form I am submitting ideas in this form.

From research I have done on water use over the last few years I have learned that the majority, perhaps 70% of water is used outside, for example, agriculture generally consumes close to 70% of water in states or smaller areas. Urban water use follows a similar pattern, 70% of urban water is used for landscaping. With this in mind there are several suggestions that would conserve water.

1. Eliminate front and back lawns in the southwest, lawns are an unwise use of water.
2. Landscaping should be limited to plants that grow naturally in a given area, xeriscape.
3. Eliminate home swimming pools.
4. Limit the number of golf courses in a given area. The golf courses that are allowed are required to use only recycled gray water or water from sewage treatment plants.
5. With respect to agriculture: whenever possible, crops should be grown in areas that have sufficient precipitation so that irrigation using existing surface or ground water is minimal as possible.

I realize that these ideas conflict with private property rights, but the reality is that water, like air is not a private commodity. Laws recognize that air over a factory does not belong to the factory. As a society we need to come to the same realization that the water in the ground below private property does not belong to the owner, it is a community resource.

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