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**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2019 2:37 PM  
**To:** LUEG, GroundWater, PDS  
**Subject:** Draft GSP comments

I am a year-round resident of Borrego Springs and also a member of the Borrego Water Coalition. I have attended many meetings, including the presentation of the GSP to the group. I've also just reviewed the GSP and overall find it to be comprehensive and well-planned.

I do have some serious issues with the water pumping reduction and the BPAs. Project and Management Action #3 recommends an across the board reduction of 74%, which would maintain the current distribution percentages. The residential water use has already been cut from a reported historic high of 3500 acre feet/year to the current level of 1700 acre feet/year, a cut of 50%. Our community has done this through the conscious effort of removing fountains and swimming pools, grass and water intensive landscaping, converting to low-flow toilets, and overall conservation efforts.

The recreational and agricultural users have been slow or completely unwilling to make similar reductions, continuing to deplete our aquifer. Clearly the major contributor to the aquifer overdraft has been and continues to be agriculture. Although agriculture has been an important part of our community, it is unreasonable to assume that farming should continue to use 70% of the allocated water.

There is no reason to assume or plan for the historic water use percentages to remain at current levels. I believe that the municipal water allotment should not be lowered beyond the current level. That level of 1700 acre feet/yr would still be only 30% of the total 5700 acre feet/yr, which I believe is entirely reasonable.

Sincerely,  
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