



Upper Gila Watershed Alliance

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Craig Roepke
NM Interstate Stream Commission
Santa Fe, NM

Dear Mr. Roepke:

The Upper Gila Watershed Alliance requests that the AWSA Evaluation Panel reconsider the following project that failed in the Tier One process:

Establishment of a water bank for domestic use in the Gila/San Francisco basins and lifting of restrictions on rainwater collection

Our proposal was failed because it “proposed two projects, one a water harvesting project (water utilization alternative) and one a water bank for domestic uses that includes use of AWSA water (thus a NM Unit). Because you did not distinguish between the projects and only identified the application as a water use alternative, the panel had no option but to fail the application on criteria A.”

In retrospect, we understand that we should not have added rainwater harvesting to our proposal, and that the water bank is actually considered to be a New Mexico unit. The AWSA panel “believes that these projects have merit;” therefore, we ask that you reconsider our proposal for a water bank project.

We thank you for consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Donna Stevens
Executive Director