IMPASSE OVER WHO LOSES WATER, AND HOW MUCH, COULD SINK ARIZONA DROUGHT PLANNING

As we all know, water rights in the Desert Southwest are extremely important and equally intricate. This report from Arizona Public Media discusses some of the intricacies associated with the current situation of our ag pool water and its relationship with the drought contingency plan (DCP). Without alterations to the DCP, a shortage declaration on Lake Mead would eliminate all ag pool water. Thankfully we have many people in our irrigation districts and ag communities battling to keep CAP water flowing until 2030. One of these water champions is Dan Thelander, the focal point of the report. He and the writers of the story discuss the past, present and future of water, agriculture and the landscape in Pinal County.

Near the end of the audio report while discussing the potential of Pinal County farmland becoming housing subdivisions, Dan makes a powerful statement, “One thing I could tell you, in 20 years, everyone will still be fighting over water.” He is likely correct. No matter who, what, where, when or why; as long as there are people in Arizona, they will be fighting over water.

I invite everyone to enjoy this story, at the link below.

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LATE SEASON FIELD DAY
The event will feature University of Arizona cotton variety tests, updates from seed company reps on cotton varieties tested during the growing season, and an update on pest management issues.

WHEN:
Tuesday, November 20, 2018, 9am - 11am

WHERE:
A Tumbling T Ranches, 14929 W. Broadway Rd., Goodyear, AZ 85338

PRESENTERS:
Randy Norton, Ayman Mostafa, Ron Rayner, and Cotton Seed Company Representatives

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
Growers, PCAs, Ag industry representatives, and anyone interested in field crops in Arizona

Agenda / 2 CEUs have been approved / Breakfast will be provided, sponsored by Wilbur-Ellis

CROP PRODUCTION - NOVEMBER 2018
USDA-NASS Release Cotton projections for Arizona and US

USDA has released their November projections for cotton production. This includes 475,000 bales of cotton in Arizona which consists of 450,000 bales of upland cotton and 25,000 of pima cotton.

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