

January 10, 2020 APR update

Below is a brief summary of where we, the community, stand with regard to the Augustin Plains Ranch LLC's application to mine water in the Plains aquifer.

It's been quiet, but we know that the APR LLC has appealed Judge Reynolds' decision denying their application, and we are preparing to meet them in the Appeals court whenever a hearing is scheduled

To that end, we have started spending the money raised to hire a hydrologist. As you may remember, Tom Myers has been here and looked at the situation on the ground. We have now asked him to put together a model of the hydrology of the Plains aquifer so that we can be prepared if the Appellate Court decides there should be a hearing on the substance of the application. I don't know anyone attempting to say what the Court will do, so we must be prepared for every possibility.

Of course, the best possibility is that this court will agree with Judge Reynolds decision, but we dare not become complacent. This note is to recognize the contributions everyone has made: it is only our determination as a community to keep our water that has carried us this far.

From Carol Pittman - Datil