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Water Grab update –

As you know, the Legislature has been meeting for the past two months, and there have been several bills that could have hurt our protest against the Augustin Plains Ranch's attempt to mine water here in northern Catron County. We have been very fortunate in having a few people go to bat for us to stop any bill that would be against our interests, and one of those people is Mike Loya, a long-time supporter of our cause. Mike has talked with a number of legislators on our behalf and furthered our cause considerably. He did this for our benefit and has had access to members of the Legislature that we would not have been able to see. We probably would not even have been successful in seeing the staff of these legislators. Thanks to Mike, we are now in positive territory with legislators who did not know much about us before this, and who can now be aware of the danger we face in the attempt by the APR to take our water. Mike has rendered us an invaluable service.

Mike is offering to continue his efforts with legislators by attending Legislative Interim Committee meetings. He plans to draft a sustainable water strategy overview to present and discuss at those meetings.

Mike is engaged in sustainable research, "making green mainstream" and works in the fields of water resource management, alternative energy, green building, permaculture, and sustainable living. Please go to his website <http://www.sustainableresearchcenter.org/> to see what Mike does. If you find it in your heart to help his work, that will be a nice way to say thank you for his efforts on our behalf.