

San Augustin Water Grab

The San Augustin Water Grab is once again in the courts. A series of legal motions will be heard on January 12th at 10:30am at the 7th District Judicial Court in Reserve. While only lawyers will be allowed to speak, it is important that community members are in attendance to show the new judge that the community remains deeply concerned about Augustin Plains Ranch's (APR) continued attempts to try to get the State to allow it to pump 54,000 acre-feet of water each year and remove it from the Plains of San Augustin to sell it in unknown parts of the State to unknown customers.

The case has been in and out of court since 2007. APR keeps filing applications and they keep getting denied but there is no guarantee that the new application will get denied this time. The legal motions being heard on January 12th address whether the latest application is complete enough to move forward. It is important to be at the hearing to support the lawyers who are representing the community members who have objected to the application.

The judge (Judge Reynolds), who was involved with this case for many years and was supportive of the community's objections passed away and a new judge will now be hearing the case for the first time. This new judge may make a decision directly after hearing from the lawyers on January 12th or he may decide to take the motions under advisement and write a written decision.

Please attend the hearing on **January 12th at 10:30am on the 7th Judicial district court in Reserve** so that the new judge can see that this large water grab remains a concern to our community.