



EST. 1937

American Nevada  
c o m p a n y  
A Greenspun Company

---

## Press Release

Monday, August 25, 2008

### For Immediate Release

**Contact:** Matt Smith, 520-321-1111  
Dick Walden, 520-791-2852  
Dan Naef, 702-990-2137

### **ANC and FICO Announce Joint Effort**

#### *Companies Forge Comprehensive Regional Water Solution*

(Sahuarita, Arizona) --- Farmers Investment Co. (FICO) of Sahuarita, AZ and American Nevada Company (ANC) of Henderson, NV today announced their intent to work jointly with regional partners in the development of a pipeline to deliver Central Arizona Project (CAP) water to the Upper Santa Cruz Valley.

Dick Walden, FICO President, and Dan Naef, ANC Senior Vice-President, stated their intent to build on the studies and good work of the Upper Santa Cruz Providers and Users Group (USC/PUG) and Pima County to design a CAP water delivery system and accompanying recharge areas. This regional effort would help offset the identified overdraft of groundwater from the Upper Santa Cruz Aquifer.

FICO operates the Green Valley Pecan Company, a 7,000-acre pecan production and processing facility in Sahuarita and Green Valley. ANC is the developer of the proposed 4,200-acre Mission Peaks planned community west of Sahuarita. ANC also owns 33% of the Sahuarita Water Company, which serves the Rancho Sahuarita and Rancho Resort communities and is intended to serve Mission Peaks.

“This joint effort by two established, respected companies would serve the best interests of the entire Sahuarita and Green Valley communities,” said Naef. “We’re delighted to pursue our common interest with FICO as we concurrently reach out to local, regional, state and, even, federal partners from both the public and private sector. Certainly, the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District will be an important partner as we move forward.”

“USC/PUG has laid out a road map for a regional solution to our valley’s water challenges,” stated Walden. “Pima County continues to provide important information and valuable staff support to our efforts. We’re pleased to work with our new neighbors at ANC on an environmentally sustainable project that serves our communities’ needs.”

Pima County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry applauded this regional effort. “Pima County has consistently supported a regional approach to addressing the water concerns of the Upper Santa Cruz Valley,” he said. “We’ve been impressed with the good work of USC/PUG and the common efforts of its members.”

USC/PUG, formed in late 2007, is made up of the major water providers and users in the Upper Santa Cruz Valley. Its studies have confirmed a substantial overdraft of groundwater and have identified a multi-phased solution that would bring renewable sources of water to the valley to balance groundwater use with renewable water.

The Arizona Department of Water Resources, in cooperation with others, sponsored extensive studies of the aquifer and its water needs a decade ago. Pima County has agreed to update these studies, focusing on the selection of optimum recharge sites throughout the valley. One of those potential sites could be FICO’s Sahuarita Farm, which has a permitted Groundwater Savings Facility in place to accept, use and recharge CAP water in lieu of groundwater pumping.

###