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Elston Grubaugh <egrubaugh@wmidd.org> Mon, Jun 8, 2026 at 8:44 AM
To: Maria Coffee <mariacoffee99@gmail.com>

Please see my responses below in red.

From: Maria Coffee <mariacoffee99@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:27 AM
To: Elston Grubaugh <egrubaugh@wmidd.org>
Subject: Re: FW: Message From the www.wmidd.org Contact Form

Hello Mr. Grubaugh,

Thank you for your response and for the update regarding the test well and ongoing zonal analysis. I appreciate the information.

I have two additional questions.

First, public information has referenced both approximately 74 million gallons of water per month with significant recycling and, more recently, approximately 100 acre-feet per year (about 32.6 million gallons per year). Is there any publicly available explanation regarding how these figures relate to one another and what the facility's expected long-term water consumption will be? WMIDD is not a partner in the proposed cobalt processing facility. Questions regarding water requirements of the facility should be addressed to Evelution Energy. WMIDD's interest, as an adjacent landowner, is in determining the current depth to groundwater and saturated thickness so that we may determine if water use exceeds aquifer safe yield in the future.

Second, has the use of reclaimed wastewater from Wellton, Yuma, or other nearby sources been evaluated as a potential alternative or supplemental water source, and if so, is any information regarding that evaluation publicly available? Not that I am aware of, but in general:

Wellton – treated effluent from the Coyote Wash Sewage Plant is entirely used for golf course irrigation. Coyote Wash is 17-18 miles from the proposed cobalt processing facility.

Yuma – the Figuora Street sewage treatment facility discharges treated effluent back into the Colorado River. The Desert Dunes facility directs treated effluent into infiltration ponds for groundwater recharge. Both processes generate Colorado River Return Flow credits for the City of Yuma, offsetting the City's use of Colorado River water. Both facilities are about 50 miles from the proposed cobalt processing site.

Foothills Utilities – my understanding is that effluent from the Foothills Utilities Wastewater Treatment Facility is use to irrigate the three Foothills area golf courses: Las Barrancas, Foothills Executive Course and Foothills Par 3 Course.

Thank you again for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Maria Coffee

On Mon, Jun 8, 2026, 4:15 PM Elston Grubaugh <egrubaugh@wmidd.org> wrote:

> Maria:

I am not sure if anyone has responded to your request for information. Evelution is drilling a test well to determine if sufficient groundwater is available for their proposed cobalt processing facility. As an adjacent landowner, Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District (WMIDD) also has an interest in groundwater development and use in that area. At this time, drilling has ceased at 1,460 BLS and the test well is undergoing zonal analysis. The driller will submit a geologist log to ADWR within 60 days after drilling is complete.

Elston Grubaugh

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From: **Maria Coffee** <wmidd@mgmmailer.com>
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Message: Dear WMIDD, I was recently referred to your district by the Arizona Department of Water Resources regarding groundwater studies associated with the proposed EVelution cobalt processing facility near Tacna. ADWR indicated that EVelution has been working closely with WMIDD to better understand the underlying aquifer system and local groundwater resources. I would appreciate any information regarding: - aquifer evaluations, - hydrogeologic studies, - well drilling reports, - groundwater sustainability analyses, - pump tests, - groundwater modeling, - and any publicly available reports related to the project's water supply. Thank you for your assistance. Sincerely, Maria Coffee