

Adopted name Ali Molina (*village*) April 10, 1941

Description a village near lat. 31°54' N., long. 111°46' W., Baboquivari district, Papago Indian Reservation, Pima County, Ariz.
Ali Molina is a Papago name that means "Little Magdalena," Molina being a Papago corruption of the Spanish name Magdalena, the name of a town in Sonora, Mexico, from which Ali Molina was named. (Not Magdalena.)

Names	Authorities
Magdalena	1920 - U.S. Corps of Eng., Prog. Mil. Map, Fresno quad.
"	1922 - U.S.G.S., W. S. Paper 490 D, pl. 25
"	1925 - U.S.G.S., W. S. Paper 499, page 407, pl. 4
"	1931 - U. S. Ind. Irrig. Service, Map of Papago Res.
"	1931+- Conoco Travel Bureau, Map of Arizona
"	1935 - Standard Oil Co. of Calif., Road Map of Arizona
Ali Molina	1938 - Soil Cons. Service, Map of Papago Ind. Res.

Local usage

The recommended name is the name generally used by the residents.

"Molina" is a Papago corruption of the name of the town named

"Magdalena" in Sonora, the town for which Ali Molina was named.

While it is generally not desirable to recommend a corrupted form

of a name, it is felt that confusion with the Mexican "Magdalena" (over)

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should be avoided, and that the hybrid "Ali Magdalena" (a possible alternative) would be less acceptable than the name as it is actually pronounced. (Off. Ind. Aff., 9/8/39)