

I raise avocados in San Diego County, as four generations of our family has done since the 1930's. Agriculture in this county, has paid a higher price for water than any other region for a number of years. A price high enough that it has cause many farmers to go out of business. Those of us that were able to hang on to our operations, knew that we were making an investment in our future, a more reliable water supply.

Our water is so expensive that we apply it "one drop, or drip" at a time.

We have upgraded our irrigation system 3 times in the past 10 years alone. We truly are VERY efficient at using water.

When the Governor made his announcement about the newest mandated water cuts, I thought he made some exclusions for agriculture. We expected some cuts. We thought it would be in the 15 to 20 percent range. Some San Diego agriculture operations could survive that cut. Very few will survive 35%, and that is the truth.

We ask that the board that will make the final decision, to take a hard look at our situation and scale back the cuts to a more reasonable percentage.

Thank you for your consideration

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