(1/23/18) Board Meeting A-2239(a)-(c) Deadline: 12/22/17 by 12 noon

From: Carter Carter
To: commentletters

Subject: Comments to A-2239(a)-(c).

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To DWR and whom it may concern,



I am a small farmer, with only a few acres of crops I have been trying to bring to market. I live in El Dorado County and grow wine grapes. This community has long encouraged the development of agricultural resources, but as a result of ever-increasing costs associated with ever-increasing oversight, has seen a significant reduction in attempts to establish new farming operations. Most of the farms here are very small and simply do not produce the revenue necessary to absorb the costs associated with the proposed changes. Maybe if I was farming a large parcel in the valley, I could pay for the overhead that will undoubtedly come from the proposed changes. The changes will, if enacted, will probably result in my discontinuation of farming. From a money perspective, being a small farmer was already tough enough. This just pushes things even farther into the red and makes the plan of trying to be a small farmer in California - a losing proposition.

Please reconsider these proposed changes. The small farms in our community simply cannot absorb the overhead. I suspect this will have a chilling affect on all small farming operations throughout the state.

Sincerely,

Donald Carter El Dorado Country