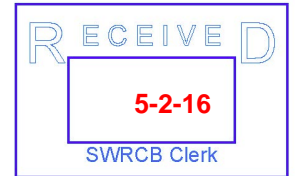


To: State Water Resource Control Board                      From: Member ID #2445, Kate and Lupe Vargas

Re: State Board proposed changes to ESJ regulatory programs.

Date: 5/2/2016



The purpose of this letter is to specifically and unequivocally reject the proposed change that will require private **well users** to submit annual usage data and nitrate levels to Regional Board.

The principal reasons for our strong opposition to these changes are the following:

- ✓ The mechanisms employed in our locale to identify areas of high and low priority have been executed diligently and strategically to conform with established requirements through our Groundwater Assessment Report. The development and execution of this report has taken significant time, effort and money and to discontinue this process would be a devastating blow to all of our efforts.
- ✓ Privacy is paramount to us. It is imperative that we manage what information about our dwelling and our lives become public knowledge. The amount of data required in the proposed changes would be considered to us as an assault to our privacy. This is coming from technologically savvy people who consciously choose to not belong to any social media applications nor programs and as such private people, we oppose to the notion that the State Board would impose a change that would take that right to remain private from us.
- ✓ Not convinced that the purpose of these private drinking water regulations are for the well owners' benefit or that of "special interest groups". Additionally, we fail to see the relevance of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program imposing a mandate that is more suited for the County Department of health. The State Board already has its challenges meeting expectation relative to irrigated lands regulations. To add additional health related responsibilities to the State Board would not only be unobtainable but irresponsible to those of us who live in the farming areas and are already burden with high taxes and fees .

Sincerely,  
Kate and Lupe Vargas