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Public Comment on the State Water Resource Control Board



To Whom It Concerns,

1. I agree with the coalition that the excess data required by the Regional Board will not serve any purpose. Putting excessive costs of well monitoring will not only create more hidden costs in farming, but will also add a new dimension of oversight by the government. Information as to the location of all wells on a property will only lead to increased taxation 'down the road'. Government oversight into agriculture must be decreased, not increased by the new bureaucracy created by the Regional Board.

2. Removal of High/Low Vulnerability Designations does nothing to improve the present system. It only increases the cost of both the coalition and the member. As also was stated it will waste the time that has already been expended for these designations.

3. I agree 100% with the coalition that the counties should take on the responsibilities of well monitoring in the areas.

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