

I am a grower & have an avocado & citrus grove management company. Your proposal is unfair & was based on illogical data per my understanding.

Is it your intent to destroy local southern California agriculture? We can not take on any additional cuts. We have already cut way back over the past few years & have implemented water saving methods; whereas, most urban dwellers have done nothing.

We have helped pay for infrastructure yet you have no respect for your efforts.

Farmers realize the needs to conserve but we feel this is not a smart move for ag & our ag districts. Government has to take some blame for this. You have known the situation yet you have not taken steps to relieve the problem. Our ag districts, Rainbow, Fallbrook, Valley Center, Escondido & Temecula can not survive your cuts. We will continue to pay for desalinization in Carlsbad yet not be able to benefit. Met has reduced by 15%, not by your illogical percentages. And lets not even get into the illogic of the smelt.

Many of us took out old non productive avocado trees years ago to help conserve. Our goal was to replant in many cases with younger healthier plants to provide more avocados & crop for the water we have. Many like myself & many of our clients did this in 2013 so we have NO allocation with your proposed cuts. You will kill much of the future production of agriculture in these districts. You will kill our newly thriving future of the avocado industry. Is that what you want? More dependency on imports??????

That is not what the local growers want. You will destroy what is left of the ag industry & jobs. Farmers do not rely on food stamps & are the hardest working group I have encountered throughout my career which has included corporate sales & management in various industries.

Many of us removed ourselves from the transitional water district discount to hopefully avoid the first hit of cutbacks. Those of us who went through the 2008 cutbacks remember the consequences. But now we are penalized again because we reside with our farms in the districts you will destroy.

Many avocado growers have been utilizing a rolling stumping method keeping 25% of their grove out of production in order to conserve & be able to afford the high cost of water we now pay since the increases post 2008. These growers do not have enough allocation to continue to exist under your plan.

I am also a realtor who specializes in selling these ag properties & resident farms. You will additionally greatly impact the real estate segment of our economy with this aggressive hit on our districts.

Wake up government!

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