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Dear Sir:

We farm 67 acres of almonds in the CCID and depend on that as our principle source of income. In early February we were advised that our water supply would be reduced by approximately 50% do to the drought conditions we are currently witnessing. This in itself would exert a significant hardship on us; however, we now learn that the SWRCB is advocating taking measures that would cut our allocation even more - to approximately 5-15%. This would be devastating to us and many others, and would have detrimental effects on our orchards for years to come.

Reducing the water allocation will significantly reduce food production for all citizens, and cause severe unemployment in all segments of the San Joaquin Valley. We understand the severity of this drought, and that some reductions are in order. However, they should be spread equitably across all segments of society. Also, it should taken into consideration that The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has issued an official El Nino watch, which is expected to lead to more rain next winter for drought-stricken California. Thank you for any efforts in this cause that you have already made, and we respectfully request your continued support in this regard.

Yours truly,  
Dan and Bonnie Carroll

