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To the Yolo County Board of Supervisors,

**CLERK OF THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS**

I am a resident of Yolo County living on County Road 84A (sometimes referred to as the Hungry Hollow area.) I moved there hoping I would be able to spend the rest of my life here. I had researched the area, water supply, zoning, and the neighborhood. At that time the 120 foot depth well on my property was pumping water easily with no problems, and had been operating that way since 1913 (over 100 Years.)

But to my surprise, in ²⁰¹⁶1916, the well stopped pumping water. I replaced the pump to find that the pump wasn't the problem, the water table had lowered to below the 120 foot depth of my well. I was forced to drill a new well. The new depth now is 421 feet. One would think that should assure that for the rest of my life, and my grandsons, we would easily have enough water, but I am deeply concerned that new wells will continue to be drilled and keep depleting our water resources.

Two of my neighbors had trouble with their wells. One had to drill a new well about the time mine went dry around 2016 or 2017. Coincidence that it was after all the new 207,000 trees were planted down the street with the huge wells.

After watching the groundwater level lowering each year I am seriously worried. Last time I Checked, the water table level went down to 219 feet. We had lots of rain this last season so the level went up slightly but is on its way down again . Potential new orchard owners do not have a care in the world about the rapidly lowering water table and water sustainability, they just want to cash in on the Yolo County soil, water and climate.

Tree orchards are being planted everywhere. Almond trees require much more water than ground crops. A drive down almost any road in my area will change your car radio sound to static as you pass by the new giant pumps. One drive down the road almost anywhere in Western Yolo County (all the new orchards) visually answers the water depletion question.

An out of area new land owner down the street from my land has planted 207,500 almond trees since 2015. Every time I pass their new almond orchard I can hear the hum of the giant pumps running day and night. So I am here to express my concern of the problem and wondering when my well will go dry again. Without water land cannot be lived on and has no value. Yolo County without water is a very sad thought.

As a Yolo County resident I am requesting you seriously consider taking action to help protect the water resources in Yolo County. We ask you consider our concerns and take immediate action by granting a zonal moratorium at this time to pause on giving more permits for new wells until we can understand and protect our groundwater sustainability.

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