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Dear Yolo County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to support the proposed well drilling moratorium in the Focus Areas identified by the YSGA. Whatever legal hoops you have to jump through, I would note that the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors has had some type of moratorium on expanded groundwater pumping in their focus areas east of Paso Robles since 2013. It has evolved over time, but without it the overdraft problems in that county--which are more severe than in Yolo County--would be much worse.

Let's stop making our problems worse while the YSGA figures out what the limits to pumping really are. I fear that the next drought will dry up many wells, and we have already learned of rural residents and small farms having had to replace wells as the water table has fallen. April Meneghetti has correctly identified the conversion of previously unirrigated land to perennial crops as a significant contributor to overdraft. This is a problem all up and down the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys and In reality led to the creation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. But land use is the purview of the County and only the Board of Supervisors can impose controls on it.

I urge you to impose a temporary moratorium on well drilling in the focus areas and to undertake a serious effort to figure out what to do about land conversion.

Sincerely,

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