

**August 25, 2025**

**RE: Agenda Item 37**

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**To:**

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For several years as I have been driving around Yolo County, I been very aware of how many acres of unirrigated land have been and still are being converted to crops that need irrigation water year-round such as grape vines, olive, and nut trees. I have often wondered and commented to friends how long this conversion could continue until there is impact on groundwater and wells.

After reading Scott Steward's excellent article, "County Board of Supervisors Prepares to Protest Local Groundwater" in The Davisite <https://www.davisite.org/2025/08/county-board-of-supervisors-prepares-to-protect-local-groundwater.html>, I am writing to ask for a "YES" vote by the Supervisors on the 45-day Focus Area well moratorium that I consider both an essential and very necessary additional step toward a reliable groundwater sustainability policy. As Scott Steward point: "it looks to be the case that the Board, County Staff, and the YSGA ae very prepared to correct the course of actions that led to the need for the long process and an Appeal to deny suspect commercial well approvals this past April. As Steward emphasizes, clearly the 45-day Focus Area well moratorium is long overdue and the need to fill substantial information gaps is over-due.

**I support 45-day moratorium that states:** "To summarize, groundwater is a vital resource essential to the health, safety and welfare of the many communities and agricultural areas in the County. Therefore, it is necessary to better understand the impacts of land use changes on groundwater supplies and gather additional information to better inform better YSGA and County evaluation of proposed new agricultural wells with an eye towards protecting the sustainability of groundwater resources. Further study of the impacts of the planting of perennial crops on previously non-irrigated lands is critical to determine if further regulations should be implemented with respect to such land use changes to protect against unsustainable groundwater impacts."

Thank you,

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