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Dear Board of Supervisors:

I would like to urge the Board of Supervisors to put a 45 day moratorium on new agricultural groundwater wells in the Hungry Hollow focus area with a potential extension up to 22 months. This moratorium would exclude domestic wells and replacement wells that have been used to irrigate a crop in 3 of the last 5 years.

From various reports and meetings I have attended, it is apparent there are gaps in data at this point to determine the effects of any new wells on groundwater sustainability. More time is needed to collect the hydrogeological data and update the models. Also a plan needs to be in place prior to issuing any new agricultural well permits to provide guidance on who has the authority to approve or decline permits

Thank you for your consideration.

Rick Johnston,
Landowner in the Hungry Hollow focus area