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Submitted Electronically

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Yolo County Board of Supervisors
625 Court Street, Room 204
Woodland, CA 95695

RE: 45 Day Well Drilling Moratorium in the YSGA Focus Areas

Dear Members of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors:

In the first instance, Farm Bureau is generally opposed to the use of moratoria prohibiting the use of groundwater by land use agencies such as the County, both because they are potentially inconsistent with inherent groundwater rights and because land use agencies typically do not have the staffing, expertise or data to effect successful outcomes with such moratoria. The Legislature has comprehensively committed the field of groundwater management to properly-constituted groundwater sustainability agencies (“GSA’s”) under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”), and Farm Bureau believes that this is the proper path to management of groundwater in the County, as and where groundwater sustainability concerns may arise.

In addition, Farm Bureau would strenuously oppose any county-wide regulation regarding or affecting the use of groundwater resources that is not in the first instance targeted specifically and narrowly at that particular geographic area that is demonstrably impacted by overdraft or other groundwater sustainability concerns, as underpinned by substantial and detailed evidence. A blanket regulation of the use of groundwater across the County based upon vague concerns and long-term policy desires is likely contrary to established water rights and may not withstand legal scrutiny.

Finally, Farm Bureau is categorically opposed to the use of land use restrictions to accomplish goals with respect to the management of groundwater resources, such as regulation of crop types on agricultural lands, as opposed to the use of narrowly-tailored demand management measures



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which are used at the minimum level necessary and calibrated specifically to address documented groundwater problems in narrowly-targeted geographic areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert H. Falconer'.

Robert H. Falconer
President, Yolo County Farm Bureau