

November 2, 2025

To the Honorable Supervisors of Yolo County,

I want to thank you for your attention and focus on an important challenge facing Yolo County and all of California: our common water resource that affects us all, hopefully together we can manage this resource into the future of our communities.

I would like to comment on the proposed replacement well exemption from the Focus Area moratorium pursuant to the Board's direction on October 7<sup>th</sup>. I am in total support of the Ordinance No. 1577 regarding wells exempt from the temporary well permit moratorium in the Focus Areas to be amended to add an additional exemption for replacement wells as provided herein.

In the Urgency Ordinance No. 1576 imposing a temporary 45-day moratorium, it does not include any definition of a replacement well. In order to exempt a replacement well, it is necessary to clarify what is a replacement well. I would like to support and suggest use of the definition that John Fawcett proposed to the County in his comment letter to the County from October 29, 2025:

*A replacement production well is defined as a production well that is intended to replace an existing production well. For a well to be a replacement well it has to have been actively placed in service for irrigation purposes in the past 2 years out of 5. In the case that the replacement well was located in a conjunctive use area within the focus area (DWD and YCFC&WCD), for the new well to be recognized as a replacement well it must be replacing a non-functioning well that was actively placed in service during one of last two years when surface irrigation deliveries were reduced by the irrigation district due to drought or other reasons beyond the owner's control. The well applicant shall submit proof that the well was actively used such as PG&E bills; or in the case of diesel-driven well pumps: crop acreage reports, photos of pumps in use, pesticide use permits or other documentation that establishes an irrigated crop was grown on the land serviced by the now non-functioning well.*

Thank you for your consideration of my comments to be included in the wording of the amended exemption for replacement wells.

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