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Subject: Re: Ag Well Working Group Member Survey
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Dear April,

I was unable to participate in the survey due to an unexpected emergency medical issue. I want to thank you for your professionalism and diligence. I also want to provide a few thoughts on the future of the County Well Ordinance.

1. The County Board of Supervisors (BOS) should adopt an ordinance with special requirements for new agricultural wells in the Focus Areas.
2. The BOS should renew or incorporate in the well ordinance the provisions of a recently expired ordinance requiring YSGA certification that new agricultural well extraction will not adversely impact groundwater sustainability goals in the Focus Areas.
3. New agricultural wells in Focus Areas, for operations using more than 5-AF/YR, must provide a hydrological report demonstrating sustainability under drought conditions when little or no surface water is available.
4. The temporary moratorium on new wells within Focus Areas should be extended for another 12 months to allow the YSGA time to collect additional data in support of the GSP.
5. The small farmers in YOLO County are the threads that make up the unique and desirable fabric that is the community. Big agricultural operations should not be allowed to degrade this beautiful county. While they may provide some jobs, the large corporate growers can never provide the family bonds and friendships like the long-established farmers in Hungry Hollow.
6. The creation of the Davis Farmers Market by small farmers in the 1970s has grown into a cultural event that is admired and imitated nationwide. The BOS should continue to support the small farmers and others who attend this weekly event.

For all these reasons, I urge you to recommend a one-year extension of the new agricultural wells in Focus Areas. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Mark