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Dear Ms. Townsend,

Please let the State Water Resources Control Board know that the proposed changes to the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program are draconian, and if implemented will force us out of agriculture here in El Dorado County. These 'one-size-fits-all" rules might be easier for a bureaucrat in Sacramento to manage, but make no sense scientifically or economically. Farming practices, crops, soils, and groundwater structures vary greatly from area to area within our diverse state. Best practices to efficiently manage and protect our precious water resources should also vary accordingly.

Here in El Dorado County, we have been proactive in trying to use data and science to monitor, and identify any potential water contamination from irrigated lands. We have shown over and over that the types of agriculture and the groundwater systems here do not pose much risk at all for ground water contamination. Forcing expensive reporting and verification procedures on us **MAKES NO SENSE!** We are mostly small farmers who love the land and love working with the land to provide food to our neighbors and the world. Education is the way to ensure that best practices are used to protect ground water....not filling out piles of paperwork!

We currently farm 7 acres of wine grapes. If these provisions pass we will be forced to rip these 15-year- old vine out and to cease farming. I fear we are not the only ones. If these new requirements pass, you will be forcing out many smaller farmers across the state, leaving only the largest farms who can afford to pay staff and specialists to provide you with all of the documentation you desire. These larger farms will have a greater impact on local water resources as they concentrate farming activity geographically for efficiency. You may be creating more problems than you solve.

Sincerely
Elizabeth Standeven