

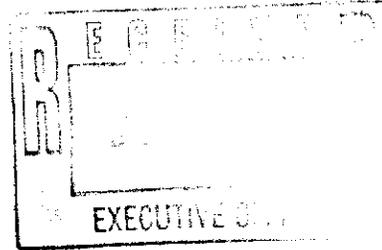
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Dear Mr. Baggett,

I am a resident of the Imperial Valley and I am writing to express my strong opposition to compulsory fallowing as a means of generating water transfer to the coastal plain. I am opposed to fallowing for several reasons including:

- The transfer document signed between San Diego and the IID expressly prohibits fallowing because of the severe job loss and economic dislocation that would ensue in the Imperial Valley. As you know the Imperial Valley already has a very high unemployment rate, and to force a decision that would increase unemployment is counterproductive to the already fragile economy.
- The original transfer agreement was based on active conservation measures and called for voluntary participation. The politicians are now trying to change the rules so that fallowing becomes the only option and participation is compulsory.
- The Imperial Valley cannot simultaneously transfer water to the coast and save the Salton Sea.

Please understand the negative impact that compulsory fallowing will have on the Imperial Valley.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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