

Mr. Bob Morgan
State Water Engineer

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Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter in hopes that you will be able to come by my farm on July 22 and see the problems that the farmers in this area are facing.

The Green Diamond Ranch would have to be considered one of the most water conscious farms in the valley. In the past 12 years, the Green Diamond has been losing its water volume. The water table in the valley is going down. We have not been able to farm our full acres because of the decrease in the water table.

We feel it has cost the Green Diamond hundreds of thousands of dollars in well improvements, pipe, and sprinkling systems. Without these improvements we would have been out of business by now because of the decline in the water.

I feel that after you come and see how hard we are working to conserve the water that we do have, you will agree that we are doing the right things.

Please do not punish those who are trying to do things right by staying within their water rights.

We have proven to the state in the past that we can farm all of our acres. With the decline in the water we are having a hard time finding enough water to farm with. We hope the state will take into consideration our efforts and support those who are water conscious. It is time for the state to take some strong looks at water conservation.

Maybe the state could pay those who do not use all of their water rights instead of threatening to take their water away. This would help the underground water in the valley.

I hope you will be able to find the time to meet with me and try to work some of these problems out. I will meet with you at what ever time is convenient for you. Please let me know if this is possible.

Thank you
Sincerely

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