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I'm writing to express my concerns regarding proposed water cuts to the Pahvant water district. My family has been farming in this area specifically west of Kanosh for 52 years. I just recently turned 50 years old so this has been a major part of my life. I grew up learning the value of work here to support our family dairy and cattle operations. Our family has bought other farms in the area and grown it into a profitable business. I love agriculture and studied and got an agricultural degree from Southern Utah University in 2000. I have been farming full time since 2000. I invested my own money and bought my own farm in 2006 to grow our operation. I have given my all through good and bad times on this farm. Farming is my only income for my family of four. By taking away our water rights you're pretty much taking my way of making a living and way of life. Our family has invested millions of dollars in infrastructure and equipment and time into this farm. This will severely reduce the value of our operation and probably make it unprofitable. This won't just happen to me it will happen to other farmers and businesses in the area. Agriculture drives the economy in Millard County and proposed water cuts will hurt in one of the biggest agricultural counties in the state. The tax base will suffer for local schools and other businesses that get a large portion of their income will suffer. Water levels are going to fluctuate as they have in the past. I believe we need to protect this precious commodity. I think we need to work together on the local level and we will be able to find solutions and be more efficient and continue operating these precious farms.

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