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This needs to become a top priority for the farming community. We usually cannot unite on anything; as everyone normally carries their own agenda ? but this issue is just too big to debate over, and all our agendas and energy should focus on getting this on the ballot and into the voters consciousness. This last two weeks I have traveled from Tahoe, Sacramento, San Francisco, Santa Cruz, Fresno, and now I am in Los Angeles and nothing changes in these metro-areas. They flush, They Flush and They continue to Flush the future of the SJV Farming Empire into down the toilet; We need to make this the final stand, push back, and let go of political correct ! Take off the gloves, go all in and fight. Starbucks, Walmart, Whole Foods ..etc Retail is our partner. They are stakeholders in this water war. They consume vast amounts of water, the cities are over-populated, and the world will soon realize (maybe too late) that food security (abundant safe supplies), will become more important than Global Gap. Global Gap, The SGMA, The Irrigated Lands Program will all pail and become fleeting states of mind if we loose the ability to produce sustainable volumes of food and fiber.

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The only control's that will affect any type of "Real Metropolitan Water Conservation Program" is one that address the individual home owners, the individual industrial users, the individual waste users, the individual manufacturing users. The restriction mandates sent to the water district's (and there needs to be equal demands sent to private water company's), will never effect change. Metered users in urban areas simply pay the extra water bill, so as not to interfere with their deliberate abuse of "water waste" or "excessive waste". Hotels do not limit shower and water use with each tenant, nor do they in any way restrict or limit the water consumption to each room. A failed system and/or program remains failed regardless of the number of times the board meets, changes the language, or conditions the bulletins; The remaining result is that individual "metropolitan" water consumers do not either care enough to stop the waste, or they have no direct attachment to the individual impact that must be required in order for them to feel the need to conserve.

On the other hand ! Farmers "Feel That Need" immediately, as their water is an investment in material energy that in some cases is so costly; it magnifies their "risk/reward ratio" by 100x1 but because of the investment in time, materials, and dedicated principles to growing sustainable, reliable, and safe food and fiber, they accept and continue on even when the battle has been lost before they begin each seasons next round of loosing endeavors. Metropolitan water users must be held individually accountable, as are farmers. Environmentalists must also be held accountable for their misuse of water supplies, such as what recently happened with Governor Brown diverted melting snow (fresh new rain water", that he used for fish and salt intrusion to drift out to sea through the delta system instead of sending it to the inland south storage and underground recharge systems. This is an abuse of power, and act's like these that add additional decimation to the already struggling inland communities needs to be addressed, and a recall should be in order for Mr. Brown and his band of clones.

To have performed such an egregious act as this implies two things about the Brown Administration:

1. They are a single sided agenda administration with no spatial values towards the needs of the sustainable State Wide System.

2. They are completely incompetent to use the powers of the States highest office in a correct and balanced manner.

Tipping the scales after a (5) season deep drought and sending fresh new water to the ocean is unconscionable and unforgivable. The States Water Supplies should go first to the human need ! a part of that human need is inland ground water recharge, storage recharge, and in doing so it also creates the opportunity for farmers to utilize, and invest those ground water recharge system's allowing them to grow food and fiber that can sustain the balance of the "Human Need" for water. Inherent in human consumption water priority is the need to cook; In order to cook, humans need food to cook with. The water code and definitions contained therein should never be misunderstood. The code was designed, drafted and made a law of the land, because it assumes that food is a necessary precursor to cooking. The language in the codes must be re-defined to include this clear and precise necessity that cooking requires food. We have not yet entered the age where we will be forced as a society to depend on synthetic food in order to sustain life.

Our regulators must withdraw from "misinterpretation" or reverse spinning the language of the laws. Our future as healthy, living and contributing humans depend on correcting the effect's of administration's corrupting the letter of the law.

make the individual water waster more accountable !

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