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Subject: Drought Emergency Declaration for Deer and Mil Creeks

EXTERNAL:

I fully support this emergency declaration. Humans have flexibility and tools and cooperative measures to survive and recover from a drought. Human uses and diversions of water are too often not essential but elective in terms of crop choices, landscaping, industrial uses, etc. Fish, other aquatic life, and species dependent upon riparian habitat have little to no flexibility to adapt, survive and recover. We can live to see another day but they cannot without our help. We haven't maximized our water efficient practices nor operated with true costs factored in. Climate Change will force us to. Eventually.

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