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To whom it concerns:

I have just learned of your proposed reporting requirement through SB 88. This proposed requirement would be devastating and onerous to the small farms in Trinity County. We have many diverters in Trinity County that use a 100 times the thresh hold number of 10 that are eking out a modest living. We are a VERY rural county and some of the diversions can be 20 miles from the nearest electricity, and hours of travel to get to. Most of the diversions are pre 1914 and have been used since the 1880's or earlier

To demand these farms to spend 10's of thousands of dollars that accomplish nothing of value is outrageous at best. Due to our counties unique geology the vast majority of diverted water flows back into the drainages where it is reused for environmental or human uses. **There for I strongly urge that a broad interpretation of Sec 15 article 3 1840 #2* be used for all of Trinity County.**

* "The board may increase the 10-acre-foot reporting threshold of subdivision (a) in a watershed or sub watershed, after considering the diversion reporting threshold in relation to quantity of water within the Watershed or sub watershed. The board may increase the 10-acre-foot reporting threshold to 25-acre feet- **or ABOVE** if it finds that the benefits of the additional information within the watershed or sub watershed are substantially outweighed by the cost of installing measuring devices or employing methods for measurement for diversions at the 10-acre-foot-threshold"

Thank you for your consideration
Keith Groves
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