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Ms. Victoria Whitney
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Re: North San Joaquin Water Conservation District Order 2006-0018

Dear Ms. Whitney,

I am writing to urge you to reconsider Water Rights Order 2006—0018-DWR (“Order 2006-0018”) in the matter of Permit 10477 (Application 12842) regarding water usage by the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District. This water is very vital to agricultural and urban interests in Northern San Joaquin County which I represent.

We are experiencing a severe drawdown of our groundwater basin beneath San Joaquin County and I am trying to help our county find more sources for surface water. The dry winter we are experiencing in 06/07 will only make this problem worse and makes the need for water through the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District for percolation and direct recharge of irrigation water into the groundwater basin very critical.

The order, as it stands, will hurt the farming community both now and in the future and result in higher fees for the District residents. I believe that the District’s Board of Directors has made corrective and positive changes that will meet the needed criteria and enable them to serve the agricultural community. I support their request to be heard in this vital matter and for them to maintain their water rights.

Sincerely,

Ken Vogel
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