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We are small almond farmers in Butte County. And we are concerned about the transfer of ground water from our area.

If people want to sell their surface water and take it out of the region, they should not be allowed to pump replacement water. This surface water has been an established part of the ground water recharge for over 70 years. Exporting water hurts the area of origin whose water rights should be protected.

Over the years our water table has slowly dropped, making it necessary to deepen our wells and lower our pumps. This poses a threat of overuse.

We must not subsidize other areas by increasing our water transfers to these areas, which would then put our own water supply at risk.

Sincerely,
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