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The state of California is very unique, it is rich in natural resources, a diverse ecology, strong food producer and an abundance of water that supports all that I have mention and them more a very strong bountiful agriculture, beyond our boundaries. The sun connects us to plants, plants feed us (directly or indirectly), the soil provides what the plants need and the water connects the soil to the plants- If we intend to feed the people , ourselves of this nation and beyond we have to think about providing the farmers of this fine state with the necessary resources they need to produce. This only addresses the social and moral responsibility that we have in this country. Agriculture is our number one industry in this state now and will be- perhaps!

We have farmers, many generations deep in agriculture, that are now facing their ability to produce the very food that we all need. This is not a “fish” issue it brought to us by a very self serving group minority of environmentalist that are probably at the public in many other other ways. These very same people have no clue how to feed themselves, let alone how to those in need.

Governor Brown, has shown his personal agenda now and long standing since his first elect many years ago- We as state are the cornucopia of this nation and perhaps the world we have a responsibility. We provide food- food that is needed by many- this is not about making farmers rich it is about “Food”!

The farmers on the east side of this valley will have to resort to pulling water from the ground, costly and hard to find, but they will survive but the “savings account” of the ground water will soon be gone - then what?

Lastly, I believe the politicians of California are wrong to be cutting these types of resources measures” behind closed doors”, with the help of the self serving Governor of this state. Put the right people in the room to make the correct decision for now and our mutual benefits of mutual future- politicians need to ground themselves in the real issues of this state, not a bullet train that serves little!

Do your jobs!

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