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My suggestion would be that you suspend any increase in water to the valley farmers till they can demonstrate that 80% of their crops are not being sold over seas. The last estimate that I heard was that 800,000 acres of nut trees have been planted last year. With 1.1 gallons of water being used for 1 almond. The subsidence in the valley is severe in the valley, primarily for profit of large Agri Business, with some closely held corporations profiting as well.

With all the calls for “Food Grow where Water Flows”, ignores the communal resource of ground water is being pumped without respite to benefit the bank accounts of the large Agri Business, not the American consumer, which doesn’t consume the harvest of all these nut trees. Let alone, that all the water that is pumped is not in any way regulated or taxed. If every gallon had a 10¢ surcharge for crops that were not consumed within the United States, crop planting would take a turn for the better, more sustainable water usage would be the result.

Please don’t let large Agri Business have an undue say in water allocation, all they care about is the next quarterly report, not the next generation that their reckless usage will have profound implications for.

Thank you for your consideration

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