

As an Agricultural Economist (PhD UC Davis, 1970) and a practicing farmer for over 40 years I can say that the decision to treat San Diego County agriculture as urban landscape has significant unintended consequences and causes adverse future decisions by farmers in this County. It is clear that decisions by the State of California to ignore the efforts to mitigate drought circumstances which we are now experiencing, and to place additional burdens on San Diego County agriculture simply because efforts to secure a balanced water supply have been, at least in part, successful, will impact future decisions regarding attempts to secure a water supply.

This classic government move of making all suffer alike, in spite of efforts by some to alleviate that suffering by providing for lean times when times are good, has the effect of saying "why bother--we will still have the same treatment as those who don't provide". My Russian wife understands this all too well.

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