

We are a farming family in Carlsbad, San Diego County, growing strawberries and vegetables for over 50 years. We have been diligent in reducing our water consumption using drip irrigation since the 70's and more recently reducing our acreage.

Coastal agriculture in San Diego County is cherished by the communities in which it seeks to thrive, but people have liked the coastal climate as much as our commodities, and we now find ourselves in water districts predominantly composed of urban uses. Carlsbad has even passed a proposition preserving 150 acres of coastal land specifically for agriculture to help preserve the heritage and practice for generations to come.

The water cut backs proposed for us, being in an urban water district , would be devastating to our farm and we ask that you allow our Carlsbad Municipal Water District to treat us as an agricultural user rather than an urban use.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Carlsbad Strawberry Company