

**Groundwater Sustainability Plan
Draft Regulations**

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I am a relatively young farmer , just getting established. I have a small organic almond farm. I have a genuine concern about being a good steward of our resources like water. I am also concerned about the level of regulation that does not consider organic farmers like myself and how we are already doing everything we can through our organic systems plan to conserve water. Is there a way someone could summarize the 60 page draft? Empowering the local agencies is a good idea, but encourage them to act carefully and be knowledgeable that organic farmers already have sustainability plans and are inspected every year! We don't need more oversight. Maybe the conventional guys do, we don't.

I am not in favor of a larger government action which ends up being another expense for us small farmers. Please, no more paperwork (redundancy) than we already have. We also have enough expenses. Someone has to pay for this increase in government, sound like it could be the farmer. I am for sustainable practices but for smart, economic solutions! Please tread carefully into our property and wallets. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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