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To: Lisa Hunter
Subject: Glenn County Rangeland Assoc. letter regarding Corning Subbasin
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Good evening Lisa,

The Glenn County Rangeland Association wishes to submit the attached letter, regarding the Corning Subbasin.

Thank you,

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RE: Corning Subbasin, Fair Representation & Fee Structure

Dear Corning Subbasin Advisory Board & Committee:

The Glenn County Rangeland Association, representing over 80 ranches and rural landowners in the western foothills of Glenn County, is writing to you in support of fair representation and cost distribution within the Corning Subbasin.

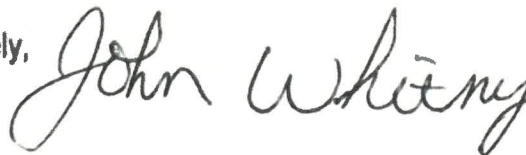
Foothill non-irrigated lands do not have usable water in any sort of quantity to sustain long term crops such as orchards. When water is found, it's quality is often unusable. There are a handful of domestic wells, as well as a minimal number of small-diameter wells for livestock and wildlife watering only. For the few wells that do supply water to livestock for sale, the amount is still so few acre feet per year that it is negligible.

We do not consider the currently proposed per acre fee to be a viable option. The primary source of income on these West side dry land areas comes from livestock grazing leases; **the proposed \$2.90/acre fee represents greater than 32% of the current income on average.** The cattle industry can not sustain that sort of increase, especially when there is no tangible benefit to such an assessment in our area. West side dry land owners would be forced to pump whatever little water they do have to help pay the unsustainable costs imposed on them. This additional pumping over all does not work toward the goals of the GSA's in the long run.

Furthermore, we are concerned about the westside / dryland landowners being inadequately represented on the GSA Boards. Currently, there is nobody representing the westside / dryland landowners, even though a local landowner offered to represent at the beginning of this process. Over 50% of the Glenn County acreage in the Corning Sub-basin is non-irrigated. In addition, over 70% of the Tehama County acreage is non-irrigated, without adequate representation.

In closing, we are asking that you consider a more equitable cost breakdown for irrigated vs. non-irrigated lands. This subbasin is distinctly different from the neighboring subbasins, since the majority of acres are non-irrigated, and non-irrigable. A one size fits all plan does not work here. Thank you for your consideration of our unique situation.

Sincerely,



John Whitney
President, Glenn County Rangeland Association