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Dept. Water Resources:
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To Whom It May Concern:

I protest this mitigation process, I do not believe I am a heavy enough user to be considered a member of the irrigation field.

I am a 75 years old, widow. That uses this water right to water a 2 acre pasture and some trees, when there is water in the well.

Everyone below the Moore diversion who takes water out of the East Side Canal have no water. It is shut out below the Moore diversion.

I have a small water right for ground water;
A 75 foot deep well, eight inch casing, 7 ½ horse submersible pump.
The well has been dry since mid 2003.

We are indeed in a bad situation. But the real problem is too many acres under cultivation for the capacity of the irrigation system, including the reservoir. Even in a good snow year there is not enough to go around. It is too bad that it has been allowed to be pumped from the valley out onto the flats below Arco. It was once purchased to stop that action. Over 150 families in the valley have had to drill new domestic wells in the last year and half. Myself included. When I first moved here in 1946 we had a 19 foot sand point 4" casing well that supplied our house. We raised 4 children with that well. Until the 70s when we had to drill deeper. 75 ft. Now I am down 120 ft this last year. I am not the only one.

Sincerely,
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