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Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE CAB letter of 7/18/18 to Paso Basin Cooperative Committee

Dear Distinguished Representatives of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee,

I am writing to express my support for the CAB letter and the CAB Summary Goals of July 2018 included at the end of my letter.

I have read the attached CAB letter and the attachment carefully and am in total agreement with everything contained in them.

I have spoken and written to the County BOS on many occasions on this subject and will summarize briefly what my position has been.

We are an older retired couple living in the Creston area since 1975, not far from the Cotta Well property. Every year for the last few years we have been afraid our well will go dry.

We have given up our vegetable gardens, our lawn, and have lost or pulled out many landscaping plants and areas. We have replaced some plants in limited areas with drought resistant plants. We are careful with our water use, taking fewer baths and showers, wearing clothes longer before washing, flushing toilets less frequently, etc.

We are living on a fixed income and cannot afford to drill a new well. We are still paying off a mortgage.

In May of 2013 when we started noticing our well was recovering very slowly every day, water delivery was a fixed amount and you had to pay for a full delivery regardless of how much you could accept. We installed another water storage tank so we could accept all the water we paid for if we had to have it delivered because our well had failed.

Our only asset is our property. We are concerned that our property value will drop as the water disappears. How can we sell our property at a reasonable price without a working well and as property values are devalued as a result of lack of water?

Thank you for considering the concerns of one of many thousands of rural residents depending on the Paso Robles Groundwater Basis for water.

Thank you for considering our concerns,

Carol and Harold Rowland

