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Keep in mind that many of us farmers have water rights on multiple sites . I alone am small but still have 6, with another two from where we rent. If some fee schedule gets implemented, it needs to be fairly inexpensive and uncomplicated so the cumulative effect on small scale water diversions are not prohibitive or burdensome. With water becoming an increasingly precious resource with more demands, we in ag have been reducing demand with drip, automatic control systems, and shortened irrigation times.

Additional reasons for keeping cost of any new water regulation minimal are: 1. electrical pumping costs have become a substantial expense compared to the recent past 2. Rapidly increasing wages are stretching us thin, 3. as well as customary downward fluctuations in prices received for our products.

Hope this helps
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