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I support Senate Bill 427 which closes a loophole allowing that existing water rights be modified without environmental review. Modification of existing water rights should go through a complete review to ensure that the new usagee is compliant with law and is supported by resource availability. Way too many water rights have been given out in the past without review of resource availability. Many of our water basins are overdrawn now and unsupervised and unreviewed modification of existing water rights will simply accelerate exhaustion of the resource more quickly.