

As a life long resident of the Little Lake/Willits Valley I have seen wet years and dry years with the seasons ever translucent in recent years. My family home to which I now own had a well dug upon it's building in the 1940s and expanded upon in the 1970's when my family purchased the property with it being transferred from primary source to a garden source with many years of service and great bounty it provided to the dinner table. This well stopped producing in 2009 measurable amounts of water thus ending a family heritage of a large garden and bountiful fruit trees long ago planted, we tried the well in the years after capturing water in winter to provide for a meager grow and watering of what trees still live and know that by the beginning of August those tanks have long dried in the last 4 years. If the County moves cultivation into phase 3 they jeopardize those that don't have city service or district service with no collections available or nearby to fill the need. We need to once again ask you the board elected by us the representatives of your communities to not look at monetary expansion of the local economy rather a stabilized way of living like we have for so many years before. Those that come to our communities to commercialize our land do not intend to spend any more than is absolutely necessary within our community as the live and represent outside interests. Please cease any actions unless the proof our ecosystem can support such growth with surveys of dry wells and what those wells support and what the water table and lakes, streams, and ponds that have historical residence can support.

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