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I am concerned about proposals to offset future wells' water use over the next 20 years by subsidizing rural development with agricultural water projects. Subsidizing rural development via agricultural water development is wasteful of public funds and available water. Water conservation programs such as providing rebates for efficient water fixtures including toilets, washing machines and dishwashers are the most efficient ways to reduce use without creating collateral damage to our rural communities and family backyard produce gardens by subsidizing large industrial scale agri-businesses. Please devise and make public a financial analysis showing the cost efficiencies for the various proposals to increase streamflow restoration. Also, as climate change adversely alters water supplies, water quality and water demand, it must be taken into account in assessing the near and long term costs and efficiencies of the various proposals. Decreasing demand for water primarily by increasing water conservation is ultimately the most cost efficient, sustainable and longterm solution for restoring streamflows.

Thank-you for considering my comment.