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Subject: Re: [Hb\_4113] Public testimony for HB4113

Hi, Clair et al,

I strongly share your concern about our ever dwindling water resources. However I don't think metering exempt wells is likely to produce positive results.

Fact is, the earth's population is rapidly overcoming the earth's potable water supplies.

I believe we need to focus on slowing down, and-better yet-gradually shrinking the overall number of people taking water from our rivers, creeks, lakes, springs and aquifers.

To continue putting band aids on these issues is merely delaying the day of reckoning.

I would also point out that many rural residents have devised methods to easily *bypass* water meters, making this program unfair to others!

Consider also the recent California drought. Governor Brown was largely successful in convincing Californian residents to cut their water consumption by around 20%. But, if California's population were 20-30% smaller than it is, the "drought" would have been a non issue.

Cheers,

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