

Marie Zeman

From: Jantrim100@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2005 4:29 PM
To: Marie Zeman
Subject: Ag Water Use Draft

Marie: Please forward the following comments to the Goleta Water District (GWD) board.

I am an owner of a 32 acre property which is located at 1332 Farren Rd., Goleta, CA. My family has been farming this land since the early 1980s during which time we have been raising avocados and cherimoyas. As such, we are agricultural water users in the Goleta Water District.

I have reviewed the GWD Agricultural Water Use, Supply, Demand and Pricing Issues Draft dated August 15, 2005. I have also received and reviewed the comments of John A. Ruskey and Hatch & Parent regarding the same and which were submitted to you. I agree with the points and comments which were made in these submissions.

It is difficult at best to maintain a viable avocado farm in the Goleta Valley and the prospects of continuing to do so if water rates are increased are grim. Further, we lost many trees to root rot in the 80s. We plan to gradually replace these trees in order to gain some economies of scale yet this will be impossible if our water rates go up significantly or if water allocation and rates are based upon historical usage. It is an unfair and inequitable penalty that we would be assessed should the new rate structure be adopted.

I respectfully submit my comments via email in order to insure a timely delivery. I will deliver the same via US post.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Antrim