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Subject: FW: Important Meeting Tuesday on Water Issues!

Hi Valerie,

As an interested citizen and staff member of EDC I can say that we value the concept and practice of living within our means and resources. With regards to water and community planning in the Goleta Valley, it would make sense to focus on redevelopment which reduces net water consumption, rather than on new development which may worsen water supply problems. Water supply is a growing and significant environmental issue. We live in a very arid region. I read today the DWR predicts 15% deliveries of SWP water this year (only 15% of ordered water may be delivered).

It makes sense to preserve farmland and promote local sales of local produce because otherwise we'll be importing more and more food from areas which have even worse problems with water than we do, not to mention pollution from shipping food around.

Thank you for your attention to future water supplies, agriculture, and the sustainability of Goleta into the future.

Kindly,
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