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Esteemed Clerk of the County of Santa Barbara,

As a farm owner in a different watershed -- one also badly degraded by competition for groundwater -- I write in fierce support of the request for a focused EIR examining Harvard's prospective reservoirs. The region's alarming groundwater depletion and over-appropriation has already been identified by NASA and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory's (J. Famiglietti). Losses to wildlife and losses to food supply are inevitable. How will these be offset? Another damming project will worsen climate change (according to this previous and other studies), encourage more water consumption, and undermine Cuyama Valley's resiliency. Why should one entity be allowed to cause this much damage without issuing and circulating an EIR?

Sincerely and with alarm,

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