From: Hollis and Dan Harris  
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Jason,

My father and I have been closely following these bills and we want to express some thoughts:

Regarding the Groundwater Management Plan and some of the items a plan might include:

Item 32: [SB 81 Section 4, line 32]  Yes, this is a good idea. It is one way that all of us can participate in the solution, (instead of looking to water right owners to take a haircut to fix most of the problem) assess a parcel fee and establish a fund to retire water rights. If the ground water committee or water board don't agree, then the State Engineer should do this at the state level. (This topic could/will turn into the domestic well owners saying no to any assess, the county commissioners going along with this, and nothing happening at the local level). The State Engineer should be able to assess each lot and establish a fund at the state level if the local level fails. The State Engineer should have the opportunity to asses each lot and have everyone participate in the solution.

Item 33: [SB 81 Section 4, 33] line Voluntary relinquishment; It is the one item that will help with the over allocation of paper water rights and it will save water now. Several hundred acre feet are being pumped yearly just because of the use it or lose it law. Yes, this is a good idea.

Jason, we support these bills and look forward to seeing them passed into law.
Sincerely,
Hollis and Dan Harris