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In 2008 when HECA proposed building its plant in the southern San Joaquin Valley the water it would consume was of small concern to most on both sides of the issue. There were a few people who were quite concerned, but water seemed fairly abundant to most people and few could imagine the predicament we are in today. If HECA wants to keep its application open and continue to pursue building its plant it must convert to an air cooled system and minimize its water consumption. We cannot afford to pump an additional 7,500 acre feet of water from our aquifer each year to supply the HECA plant. When the 495 acres that the plant would sit on is farmed it uses at most 2,472 acre feet of water each year. HECA would use more than three times the amount of water required to farm the same piece of land. The state has ordered farmers to get into sustainable water balance in the coming years. There are some in the Southern San Joaquin Water Coalition that say areas of the southern valley may be limited to using one acre foot of ground water per acre to become sustainable, HECA would use more than fifteen times that amount. The state should not even consider a project that uses this much water at this time. HECA is unsustainable and its application should be terminated, they are trying to build there plant in the wrong location.

Sincerely,

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