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We have many concerns on the new proposed new and revised water districts that were proposed at the meeting held on May 23, 2022 at the Salmon Elks Hall.

CONCERN 1: For the upper Cole Ranch, which receives water out of Perreau Creek, these new rules will not help us with having problems with another user taking too much water and not giving us our amount of water that is in our right. In the meeting it was said that we want to help the people get their right amount of water, which it doesn't help us at all. It would be nice if you would enforce the amount of water for this creek, since no one can get along with a certain user.

CONCERN 2: How can a water master cover so much area in a day?

CONCERN 3: Who decides the cost of water and where does that money go? Will the state now pay for maintenance and to clean the head of the ditches in high water?

CONCERN 4: We have had our water rights for well over a hundred years, and all of the sudden you want us to pay for the water that we use? We live on a ranch and that will be another cost that we will have to cover to help produce food for people.

CONCERN 5: When we flood irrigate our ranch, it is filling up the aquifer below and provides water to other people. If we are prohibited on the amount of water we can use, the "wetlands" and trees will suffer.

CONCERN 6: When we flood irrigate, there is quite a substantial amount of water that goes back to the river. Will this water be measured also?

Sincerely,

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