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CAFOs, also known as factory farms or animal slaughter operations, are a major source of nitrate contamination in the impacted areas due to the excessive amounts of manure that they produce — manure that is largely untreated. Not only is this harmful to the environment, it speaks to a larger issue regarding CAFO's. These are large facilities where sentient beings are confined their entire lives and then sent to horrific slaughter for meat, dairy, and eggs. Despicable and inhumane, to say the least. These animals have no access to grass or other outdoor exposure to live their lives out normally. They do not graze or forage a natural diet and suffer an agonizing death in the end...only to land on someone's plate. If the general public knew how their food originated and the suffering that is produced as a result of these CAFOs, there would be an end to this water quality issue. The large volumes of waste and contaminants have both environmental and public health risks. Please consider ending these CAFO operations and eliminate the dangers to our ground water management areas. Pass SB 80 and prevent new sources of water pollution from exacerbating the public health crisis in already-overburdened communities. Its the right thing to do.