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These requirements represent an additional regulatory burden, particularly on small family farms with limited resources. Many of these provisions are already covered under existing law, making the bill unnecessarily duplicative. Transfers are the only practical option left for farmers and ranchers to legally move water where it's needed. SB 1153 would make these basic adjustments harder, slower, and more expensive. The bill creates unclear tests like "loss of instream habitat" and "contribution to water quality impairment" without defining what these mean or how to measure them. It prioritizes ambiguous environmental ideals over economics and food production. Supporters haven't shown any actual cases of environmental damage from transfers. We should not rewrite decades of water law based on speculation. You continue to try to impose costly unnecessary regulations on our farms in an increasingly difficult agricultural environment and will soon force us out of business and be wondering where your next meal is coming from. **WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL!**