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Comments:

Of great concern to me is the retiring of agricultural land to the "benefit" of the "environment". We live and farm in a reclamation district and our ditches & canals support a variety of fish, amphibians (bull frogs), reptiles (Calif. Pond Turtles) and birds (egrets, ducks, herons, kingfishers, magpies, Western Kingbirds, pheasants, etc.). We can and do recognize our environment! We post nest boxes for wood ducks and enjoy great hatches. What we need is more H_2O storage for the future needs of California's population. Our community would not →

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survive without our agricultural base.

I am also concerned about the quality of the water that ends up in our Delta. MTBE is a disaster as a gas additive and can't be removed from the water supply. What about the use of asphalt & the run-off water that finds its way into drains that empty into the Sacramento River & elsewhere? What can we do about these pollutants? They have to reduce the quality of our California water. Cal/Fed has to address the problem of pollution!!