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I support your efforts to implement these new rulemaking efforts with the following comments:

**1. Stop issuing new well permits, however, allow landowners whose wells go dry to drill a new well :** We live in Jackson and moved on our property in 2002 and a well provides our domestic water needs. In 2002, the static water level was 52' and the pump depth 125'. In 2009, our pump burned up due to lack of water and after replacing the pump, the pump was lowered to 158'. In 2023, we ran out of water again and the pump was lowered to 186'. Our well is 196'. During your presentation, I discovered that drilling a well costs about \$26,000. This is a huge cost. Instead of each landowner digging deeper chasing the water, stop issuing new permits and consider putting limits of groundwater withdrawal from wells.

**2. Factor Climate Change Projections into your rulemaking:** I was disappointed that your presentation only looked at past climate data and did not factor in future climate projections. These climate change projections must be available and while they are projections, this future climate data is much more realistic.

Thanks for your efforts.

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