

It's about almonds to China

While your landscaping dies, we're shipping 80% of our almond crop to China. It takes a gallon of water to grow one almond. There are over 900 well failures in Tulare County, up from 525 in October 2014, and we're planting more trees to grow almonds to ship to China.

These new orchards are funded by investment groups, some of which are from outside our area. Most of our politicians are farmers or have farming backgrounds, so their interests are with ag rather than helping out the small homeowner with a private well.

We're mortgaging our future for short-term profits. This isn't about the delta smelt anymore.

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