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Hello,

My name is Joe McDermott. I am a building contractor in the area for the last 17 years. I am originally from California. I also was a contractor down there. I completely understand the urgency to slow the growth down in the area. As you know California had a population explosion that they are still suffering repercussions. What I don't understand is why, as down there the county or state can place a building moratorium releasing measured amount of permits in order to organize the water situation. All, this creating water rights seems like the long way around the issue or something sneaky is going on. I would like to know more about how the water rights are formed? Who already owns some of them? How they can be acquired? How is the Jamestown tribe involved and how many shares do they own? I know the tribe somehow say they own the fish, now do they own the water in the river also? If so, Is this how all of the studies indicate that the entire basin that the tribe once occupied is now directly relating the river water to our well water? My well is West of the river 6 miles and is one half a mile from the shoreline. How could my well water possibly affect the river from my location? I'm not a hydrologist, but I'm not a fool either! I would like answers to my questions, answered thoroughly. I'm not pointing fingers at anyone but something is not adding up here. Joe McDermott