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While the effort to look ahead to a growing population and the possibility of changing precipitation patterns and temperature variation at high altitudes that could snow pack ~~duration~~ ^{duration} is all commendable, in order to gain wide-spread acceptance and compliance it must be seen to be fair. Priority of use based on type is sensible. A farm needs more than a residence, but two users of the same type e.g. two residences should be treated the same regardless of when they got there. To issue permission to subdivide for residential development and a permit to a buyer to drill a well and then tell them "Sorry, you can't take any water from it" is simply not acceptable under any test of reason.

I, as I understand, you are constrained by this century-and-a-half old water rights law, I think you have to find a way to work around the inequitable results that accrue from it before promulgating anything.

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