Drought + Water Delivery Restrictions = Low Water Allocation

84% of California’s land area is experiencing severe drought conditions.

1 million acre-feet lost this year due to pumping restrictions from both the State Water and Central Valley Projects.

Very low or zero federal water allocations are expected for Central Valley farms in 2014.

Water Shortages Cause Near and Long Term Harm for Agricultural Operations

500,000+ acres of usable farmland will not be planted and lose production in the San Joaquin Valley.

Dry Conditions Have Increased Farmers’ Dependence on Groundwater

1,200 square miles of farmland with unsustainable groundwater can’t grow food without reliable surface water.

The Water Crisis Will Impact Trucking, Shipping, Trade and Food Processing Industries

$640 billion in goods are processed by the ports in Los Angeles, San Diego and Bay Area counties.

1.6 million jobs throughout the Southern California region are related to the movement of goods.

Total value of CA’s agricultural exports in 2012 = $18.1 million.

More than 150 countries import CA agricultural products such as almonds, rice, wine, pistachios and walnuts.

California farmers and ranchers export 22 percent of the products that they produce.
Agriculture is a Core Component of the State Economy

About 9 percent of GDP is tied directly to agriculture and this grows to about 21 percent when we include the ripple effects.5

When considering direct, indirect and induced effects, agricultural production and processing accounts for 6.8 percent of the state’s 20 million jobs, 6 percent of the state labor income, and 5.9 percent of the state value added.6

40 percent of Central Valley jobs are linked to farm processing.5

The San Joaquin Valley accounts for nearly 50 percent of the state’s agricultural output.7

1=2.2 Each job in agricultural production and processing accounts for 2.2 jobs in the California economy as a whole.6,8

In the Central Valley, agricultural production and processing accounts for 22 percent of the private sector employment and 20.1 percent of the private sector labor income.8

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