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## For Yuba Highlands

Appeal-Democrat 12/13/2006

This is in regard to the Yuba Highlands project. I am in favor of it. Not only will it bring more jobs, boost our economy and improve our roads, but it will also improve our county's image. It will also be used as an incentive to keep Beale Air Force base open during future base realignment commission meetings.

People talk about shortage of water or ask where will the water come from. From the ground, if you are willing to pay to drill for it.

They will do this, so there would not be a shortage of water.

Property taxes go up when property value goes up – except when you want services like firemen, policemen, teachers, etc.; then you vote for them.

One thing has not been mentioned, which, to me, is very, very important. In case of another flood – and there will be another flood like 1955, 1986, 1997 – the Yuba Highlands project would make a very attractive shelter area for evacuees. At the least, it would be an accessible evacuation route and take the load off of the surrounding counties. That again would improve our image to the state in regards to state funds thrown our way.

Please think of these items when deciding whether you are for or against this project. Thank you.

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