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**JUDGE EXTENDS TRO ISSUED JULY 15, 2024, AGAINST THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
PROBATIONARY DESIGNATION FOR THE TULARE LAKE SUBBASIN UNDER SGMA**

Hanford, Calif. — On Tuesday, August 20, 2024, Kings County Superior Court Judge Kathy Ciuffini heard arguments and considered issuing a preliminary injunction (PI) against the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) decision placing the Tulare Lake Subbasin on probation under SGMA. The judge did not issue a PI but extended the temporary restraining order (TRO) issued on July 15, 2024.

Today's decision extends the SWRCB's inability to collect pumping data and charge extraction fees. This order remains in place until September 13, 2024. Judge Ciuffini may issue a written ruling on or before Sep. 13, 2024 and KCFB will report on her decision.

"While we would have liked to have gotten a ruling today, KCFB appreciates Judge Ciuffini's attention to detail and careful consideration of this monumental decision," said Dusty Ference, Executive Director of the Kings County Farm Bureau.

KCFB has invested more than \$170,000 to protect your right to farm and heritage. You can help California agriculture achieve success in this battle by contributing to the SGMA Defense Fund. Your entire investment goes toward this effort.

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