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Central Valley Farmers Join Forces to Protest Water Cuts at “Take Back Our Water Rally” in Mendota

FRESNO – The California Water for Food and People Movement, My Job Depends on Ag and Gar Tootelian in collaboration with Assemblyman Jim Patterson will join hundreds of Central Valley farmers and farm workers in Mendota on October 2 for the “Take Back Our Water” rally.

This grassroots effort was initiated by farming interests from across the valley who want to send a message to Sacramento and Washington D.C. that their voices must be heard.

“It’s time that farmers, farm workers and families come together and fight for the water we desperately need,” said Westside farmer Wayne Western. “Year after year Central Valley agriculture has endured cuts to our water and now families and municipalities are being forced to cut their water use as well. The only water not being accounted for is the water that’s being taken from us and sent out to the ocean.”

The fight for more dam storage and the decisions that put fish over families will be discussed at the “Take Back Our Water Rally” by a growing list of educational and inspirational speakers.

WHEN: Friday, October 2 at 11:00 am

WHERE: Rojas-Pierce Park, Mendota, CA

WHO: Assemblyman Jim Patterson
The California Water and Food for People Movement
My Job Depends on Ag
Gar Tootelian
Hammonds Ranch, Inc.
Bowles Farming Company, Inc.
Pacific Legal Foundation
California Water Alliance
San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority
Waymire Farms
Water for Land Committee
Organic Pastures Dairy
Families Protecting the Valley

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Assemblyman Patterson (R-Fresno) represents the 23rd Assembly District in the California Legislature, which includes communities in Fresno and Tulare County.