

*The recent CalPoly Economic Impact Study is a wake-up call to explore other ways to achieve groundwater sustainability in Paso.*

According to the study:

- Ag is one of Paso's economic cornerstones. Cripple it, and **the effects will send a shockwave through Paso's non-ag economy.**
- Paso's ag industry is not just wine. In fact, **the majority of Paso's farmland is dedicated to growing vegetables, fruits and nuts, and raising cattle.**
- **Most ag operations are family farms**, which are then serviced by an array of local small businesses.
- If cutbacks are implemented, as many as **3,351 fulltime jobs would disappear** across all sectors – including healthcare, non-ag small businesses and hospitality.
- The cutbacks would **erase \$458 million from Paso Robles's overall annual economy.**
- Such drastic water-cutting measures will further **hinder Paso's efforts to rebound from the COVID-19 recession.**

Thankfully, there are many other options for achieving sustainability instead of sweeping cutbacks. It's time to explore these options to save jobs and protect the North County economy during these uncertain times.

