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I listened to the entire call. I will submit written comment. I think Angie Brewster's comments were very pertinent to Wasco County.

I've been involved with planning in Wasco County since 1997. Specifically Agriculture. The big problem I see today, is because of the virus locally we have not had the access we need to discuss this. While online is good for some things, it is not good for working out details for groups that don't have good access. Locally in Wasco County our internet access is extremely frustrating and difficult. I would say at least the time extension Angie asked for is needed.

I hope you weigh comments by the numbers of people they are representing. While individuals who commented were very extreme in their view, those representing others asked for moderation.

I don't think any resources should be degraded, but I also recognize the need to plan for people. I also believe that the big issue for agriculture was not mentioned. It isn't bigger riparian buffers, it's helping bring knowledge and change to farm with less chemicals. Using technology like the Soil Food Web. It's knowing how to manage stream areas to have grasses and riparian plants, not weeds. Bigger is not really better, but healthy is. Healthy involves some use on a minimal seasonal method that promotes healthy plants and discourages weeds. You can view areas with no use for 15 or more years now....a lot is not healthy, all weeds and undesirable plants. Everything runs downhill. So to prevent clean water healthy grasses and other plants need to be present to filter and slow down water. Whether it's right along a stream or the road banks that send water through culvert and ditch to a stream. Sorry, I'm getting onto my rabbit trail. I was on the conservation board as an associate 17 years. But I can't emphasize enough that I feel the most valued thing that makes farming work in harmony with nature is flexibility. When you make too many rules the land suffers.

Thank you

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