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Honorable Bruce Gibson, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors County of San Luis Obispo 1050 Monterey Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Re: Resolution of Application to LAFCO for Formation of the Paso Robles Basin Water District

Assembly Bill 2453 has passed the legislature and has been signed by the Governor. This bill provides for the formation of the Paso Robles Basin Water District in compliance with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, with some specific exceptions. This law will be effective on January 1, 2015; however, your Board can start the process prior to this date.

One exception from the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act is the provision in Section 37905 that an affected local agency within the county, including the County and the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, may apply for by resolution the formation of a district. The application would be submitted to the SLO County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

A resolution of application by the County or the Flood Control & Water Conservation District is the most efficient way to move the water district formation process to LAFCO in a timely manner. The Board of Supervisors has indicated its support for the water district during previous public hearings. By submitting a resolution of application to LAFCO, our local government leaders would demonstrate their commitment to local sustainable management of our groundwater basin.

On September 18, 2014, the Paso Basin Advisory Committee voted 16-6-0 to request that your Board prepare and submit a resolution of application to LAFCO for formation of the Paso Robles Basin Water District. In association with this resolution, we request that sufficient funding and staff support be allocated to this effort. We recognize that a plan for services and district boundaries must be presented to LAFCO and the Paso Basin Advisory Committee would like to provide input throughout this process.

Sincerely,

John Neil Chairperson, Paso Basin Advisory Committee

cc: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, All Districts