

**AGRICULTURAL LIAISON ADVISORY BOARD (ALAB) –  
JULY/AUGUST 2012 UPDATES**

**1. DROUGHT DECLARATION**

In the USDA's July 12, 2012 drought declaration, San Luis Obispo County was designated as one of the eligible contiguous counties. Contact the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) for application details.

<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?service=action/1/CountyText/27/countyLink>

**2. PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER BASIN**

A draft ordinance addressing groundwater conservation in the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin was recently addressed (and recommended for approval) at the July 26, 2012 Planning Commission meeting. This will go to the Board of Supervisors sometime in August.

General information on the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin:

<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/commguidelines/PRgroundwater.htm>

To listen to or view the July 26 Planning Commission meeting, go to their webpage and then click on the audio or video link for the July 26 meeting. Minutes will be available in the coming weeks.

<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/meetings.htm>

**3. AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY ECONOMIC ELEMENT**

Planning Commission: scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Comments were submitted to the Planning Department by ALAB and others in June. Proposed ordinance changes will be posted at the Planning Commission webpage one to two weeks prior to the August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/meetings.htm>

Contact Dana Lilley, Supervising Planner, [dlilley@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:dlilley@co.slo.ca.us), 781-5715

**4. OLIVE OIL PROCESSING & AGRICULTURAL RETAIL SALES - ORDINANCE CHANGES**

Planning Commission: scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Comments were submitted to the Planning Department by the Ag Commissioner's Office, Farm Bureau, olive growers, and others. Proposed ordinance changes will be posted at the Planning Commission webpage one to two weeks prior to the August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

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Contact Karen Nall, Supervising Planner, [knall@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:knall@co.slo.ca.us), 781-5606

**5. CLUSTER ORDINANCE**

Planning Commission: tentatively scheduled for late August or early September, we will update ALAB members as soon as more information is available.

<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/agsub.htm>