

County of San Luis Obispo Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board



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Date: March 8, 2011

To: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

Subject: Request to Send a Letter to the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Requesting Re-circulation of the March 2, 2011 Draft Agricultural Order No. R3-2011-0006 for Stakeholder Comments.

Members of the Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board (ALAB) met on March 7, 2011 to discuss the proposed Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's (CCRWQCB) March 2, 2011 draft Ag Order and its impact on agriculture in the county.

ALAB is concerned about the short public review period which does not allow adequate time to analyze the March 2, 2011 draft before the CCRWQCB's hearing on this matter scheduled for March 17, 2011. This timeframe is too short for proper analysis from all stakeholders. ALAB members believe the March 2, 2011 draft could have significant changes that would certainly impact this county.

ALAB members unanimously agreed to the following motion:
ALAB requests the Board of Supervisors recommend to CCRWQCB that the March 2, 2011 Ag Order draft be re-circulated as to provide all stakeholders adequate time to provide analysis and comments back to the CCRWQCB.

The motion also included ALAB's support for the County Water Resources Advisory Council's comments on the Draft Ag Order No. R3-2001-0006 presented to the Board of Supervisors March 8, 2011.

ALAB continues to be concerned, as the County Board of Supervisors must be, about potential negative impacts the March 2, 2011 draft Ag Order may have for local agriculturists.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

With regards,

Dee Lacey, Chair
Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board