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Mr. James R. Patterson, Chairperson  
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors  
1055 Monterey St, Rm D430  
San Luis Obispo, California 93408

Dear Chairperson Patterson:

On December 19, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture granted a Secretarial disaster designation for the primary counties of **Amador, Merced, San Luis Obispo, Sonoma, Ventura,** and **Yolo** and the contiguous counties of **Alpine, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Lake, Los Angeles, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter,** and **Tuolumne** due to agricultural losses caused by drought beginning January 1, 2012, and continuing.

The California Emergency Management Agency is providing the enclosed information regarding this designation. Please inform potential applicants throughout your county of this designation and information.

Sincerely,

KARMA HACKNEY  
Individual Assistance Officer

Enclosure

- c: San Luis Obispo County Office of Emergency Services
- ✓ San Luis Obispo County Agricultural Commissioner
- Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Ed Williams, County Liaison Director, California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Cal EMA Recovery Division
- Cal EMA Regional Administrator
- Cal EMA Individual Assistance

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## U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Designation USDA #S3452 - Drought

**Designation  
Information**

The following table illustrates the designation information.

<b>Eligible Primary County(s):</b>	Amador, Merced, San Luis Obispo, Sonoma, Ventura, Yolo
<b>Eligible Contiguous County(s):</b>	Alpine, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Lake, Los Angeles, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne
<b>Event:</b>	Drought that occurred beginning January 1, 2012, and continuing
<b>Assistance made available by designation:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency farm loans for actual losses as a direct result of the disaster</li> <li>• Up to a maximum of \$500,000</li> <li>• Interest rate 2.25 percent</li> </ul>
<b>Application deadline:</b>	<b>August 19, 2013</b>
<b>Who may apply:</b>	Farmers and ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations
<b>How to apply:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office listed in the local telephone directory under U.S. Government, Agriculture</li> <li>• Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD)</li> </ul>
<b>USDA website for additional information:</b>	<a href="http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistance1.htm">www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistance1.htm</a>