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October 15, 2008

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

Dear Chairperson Patterson:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture granted a Secretarial disaster designation for the county of **San Luis Obispo** and the contiguous counties of **Kern, Kings, Monterey**, and **Santa Barbara** due to agriculture losses caused by drought beginning October 1, 2007, and continuing.

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services is providing the enclosed information regarding this designation. Please inform potential applicants throughout your county of this designation and information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karma Hackney".

KARMA HACKNEY  
Program Manager

Enclosure

c: San Luis Obispo County OES  
San Luis Obispo County Agricultural Commissioner  
California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Deputy Director, Regional Operations  
OES Regional Administrator

# U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Designation USDA #S2768 - Drought

**Designation  
Information**

The following table illustrates the designation information.

<b>Eligible Primary County(s):</b>	San Luis Obispo
<b>Eligible Contiguous County(s):</b>	Kern, Kings, Monterey, Santa Barbara
<b>Event:</b>	Drought beginning October 2007, 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 3.75 percent</li> </ul>
<b>Application deadline:</b>	June 8, 2009
<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>