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October 9, 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 **Santa Barbara** and the contiguous counties of **Kern, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura** due to agriculture losses caused by fire damage beginning July 1, 2008, 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 #S2761 - Fire

**Designation
Information**

The following table illustrates the designation information.

Eligible Primary County(s):	Santa Barbara
Eligible Contiguous County(s):	Kern, San Luis Obispo, Ventura
Event:	Fire damage beginning July 1, 2008 and continuing
Assistance made available by designation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency farm loans for actual losses as a direct result of the disaster • Up to a maximum of \$500,000 • Interest rate 3.75 percent
Application deadline:	June 3, 2009
Who may apply:	Farmers and ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations
How to apply:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office listed in the local telephone directory under U.S. Government, Agriculture • 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)
USDA website for additional information:	www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistance1.htm