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Re: Laetitia Agricultural Cluster Development Revised Re-circulated Draft
Environmental Impact Report.

Dear Mr. Pedrotti,

My comments concerning the Revised Re-circulated Draft EIR for the Laetitia
Agricultural Cluster Development are as follows.

My family and I have lived on land approximately 500 yards distant and overlooking
the proposed project since 1989. It was at that time my wife and I was completed of our
home. Also at that time, two factors existed as they relate to the Laetitia Winery property in
general. First, the water well shared with our two neighbors produced a comparatively high
quality of water, and the down pipe was set at 340 feet. Second, Los Berros Creek flowed
year round from its source in Upper Los Berros Canyon.

Soon after, the ownership of the Laetitia Winery purchased the 1,000+- acres from
what was known then as the "Campodonico Ranch", the two facts described above
changed. Relating to the first factor, my neighbors and I have replaced our water well pump
and motor twice, and because the level dropped, we were forced to drop the down pipe 20
feet. The cause of the well pump and motor failures we were informed by Mello and Sons
Pumps and Motors was the degradation of the water quality as is characteristic of water
pumped from fractured shale. The second event, Los Berros Creek drying up, occurred
concurrently with the grading and installation of the 200+- acres of vines adjoining and
southwest of Laetitia's proposed project.

With these facts, a number of questions need answering. Would not the proposed
Laetitia project, by taking more water from the same water source that my neighbors and I
use, diminish our water supply for the future?

Is it not possible that the proposed project will also face a diminished and ultimately collapsed water supply in the future, thereby destroying the investments made and life style sought, based upon false assumptions of a reliable and continued water source?

As these two events are inevitable, will the Laetitia owner/developer bear the entire burden to insure an indefinite water source for the neighboring properties and proposed project or will they compensate for the financial losses sustained by both?

As it relates to the dried up Los Berros Creek. Is it the public policy of San Luis Obispo County to allow the loss of habitat for numerous species of flora and fauna, the destruction of environmental and culturally sensitive resources, and the loss of down stream watershed into the Los Berros and Arroyo Grand/Five Cites Areas by approving one person's project causing these events?

Without the proposed project, the past and on-going agricultural practices of the Laetitia Winery have had their impact. The facts are neighboring water wells are drying up, water quality is degrading, and Los Berros Creek no longer flows. Common sense dictates that development of any size and scale in this fragile zone eventually leads to a collapsed water supply.

Direct your answers to these questions to the above address.

Sincerely,


Ken Weber


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