



## Huasna resident letter

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Hello John,

My name is Denise Watte and my husband Brent Peterson and I live on the Tar Springs Ranch on Jatta Rd. We feel compelled to write you about the pending decision for oil exploration in our valley but are unsure about what is left to ask. I can express however that we are very concerned about noise, property values and water.

The thought of the constant pounding involved in new oil well production is alarming. As you know it is pristine and serene out here and that is why we are here. I find it hard to believe that anyone would want pounding in their neighborhood no matter where they live, city or country. San Luis Obispo County has historically been very concerned about the people and environment and has worked hard to keep our county an appealing and healthy place to live. I hope this ideology continues while considering this application. Although Huasna Valley seems remote to many of the SLO County residents, there are a lot of us out here. We all share in the desire to keep this area beautiful, healthy, and productive for generations to come.

Secondly, we are concerned about our property value. We own 5.75 ac. on 7600 block of Huasna Rd where we hope to develop a home. At this time, we are in limbo about what to do. If we build, what will the re-sale be one day if there are oil rigs/smell/noise/traffic constantly surrounding the property? If we forego building and choose to sell, what will we get for the property with the previously stated issues at hand? I find it hard to believe that the county would turn it's back on property tax revenue and new construction revenue to embrace an out of area oil company. We are the residents of SLO County, we are loyal taxpayers, why aren't our needs and our well-being put above those of an out of area entity/stranger? I love this county and all it has to offer, I hope the county feels the same about it's residents.

Water is a precious commodity. There are no guarantees that our water supply will remain pristine for eternity, but I really don't like the idea of anything/anyone putting it in additional, unnecessary jeopardy. As was stated at the Arroyo Grande Meeting, we drink this water, our livestock drinks this water and our crops (grapes, vegetables, fruit)drink this water. This livestock and these crops are part of the food supply that feeds the entire country. Cattle from Huasna Valley are shipped nationwide for processing, vegetables and fruit from Huasna Valley are also shipped nationally. These are important aspects of the economic sustainability of our county.

I hope the county board sees the importance of embracing the health and well-being of the residents of Huasna Valley and protects us as if it were their neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
Denise Watte and Brent Peterson