July 17, 2015

Honorable Debbie Arnold, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors
County of San Luis Obispo
1050 Monterey Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Re: Countywide Water Conservation Program - Draft Amendments to Title 22

On May 21, 2015, the Paso Basin Advisory Committee (PBAC) submitted comments regarding the draft revisions to Title 22 related to crop production. Based on a review of the revised ordinance language, the majority of the comments of the PBAC have been addressed. We thank Planning staff and the Planning Commissioners for taking the concerns of the PBAC into account. However, one issue remains and another needs to be addressed as stated below.

- The termination provision should be clarified to state that the “... provisions of this section shall expire upon the adoption of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan by the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the PRGWB.”

- Section 22.30.204.B.3. should be revised to state that “... de minimis exemption is limited to the establishment of crop production representing a new total of no more than 2.5 AF per year per site.” The current language is unclear.

On July 16, 2015, the PBAC voted (14-1-1-7) to forward this recommendation to your Board with copies to the Planning Commissioners and to the Planning Department for their consideration.

Sincerely,

Sue Luft
Chairperson, Paso Basin Advisory Committee

cc: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, All Districts
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