October 19, 2015

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

Re:  Proposed amendments to Title 22, agricultural offset ordinance

At the Paso Basin Advisory Committee (PBAC) meeting on October 15, 2015, the PBAC approved the following language by an 18-1-1 vote.

The PBAC submitted letters on May 21st and July 17th to your Board regarding the proposed amendments to Title 22, the agricultural offset ordinance. The concerns raised in those letters have been addressed in the proposed ordinance from the Planning Commission.

Based on the recent computer model update, the groundwater basin may be manageable by implementing some of the solutions which have been brought forward by the PBAC. However, with a 1% growth rate, the basin may not be sustainable per the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

The offset program is an interim measure to stop further declines in the basin until the Groundwater Sustainability Plan is adopted by the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin.

PBAC requests that the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed ordinance revisions.

Sue Luft
Chairperson, Paso Basin Advisory Committee

cc:  San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, All Districts
     Trevor Keith, SLO County Planning Department