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San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors
1055 Monterey St. Room D430
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

RE: County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Meetings

Dear Supervisors:

The San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau represents hundreds of members who are impacted and actively interested in local groundwater use and availability. As a stakeholder in the process and outcome, our members attend meetings or seek information about the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, which will determine local groundwater use for the designated over drafted basins. Public observation and input are a benefit to the decision-making process.

Farm Bureau is making a recommendation regarding the format of future San Luis Obispo County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) meetings for the groundwater basins the County serves.

1. Hold dedicated, formal County GSA meetings for each groundwater basin, with appropriate notification (that it will be a GSA meeting), agendas, and minutes.
2. At each meeting, have a presentation of the updates relevant to the individual groundwater basin.
3. Provide for recordation of public comment.

The above recommendations are important to conduct meaningful dialogue between represented landowners and the agency in charge of managing each groundwater basin. Having the GSA meetings incorporated into regular Board of Supervisor meetings creates uncertainty about intent and scope of the item and does not provide landowners or interested parties with clear notice, nor does it provide a forum for presentations and meaningful discussion – especially when the item is placed on your Board's consent agenda.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Anna Negranti, President
San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau

CC: Colt Esenwein, Public Works Director
Carolyn Berg, Senior Water Resources Engineer