

County of San Luis Obispo Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board

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DATE: July 8, 2022

TO: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: ALAB Comments on the Agricultural Offset Requirements for the Paso Basin – July 12, 2022 Board Meeting (Item #33)

Dear Supervisors,

On June 27, 2022, the San Luis Obispo County Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board (ALAB) voted unanimously to submit the following comments associated with the upcoming July 12, 2022 Board of Supervisors hearing on the Agricultural Offset Requirements for the Paso Basin.

On behalf of ALAB, we are providing this letter in support for extending the current Agricultural Offset Requirements for the Paso Basin through 2027. This extension would allow for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) process to be implemented without the need for creating additional new requirements. ALAB feels that the current ordinance is the more appropriate vehicle to serve as a stopgap measure to allow time for GSP implementation, which can best look at local needs and circumstances as intended by SGMA.

While we understand the concerns driving the desired development of the Paso Planting Ordinance, we feel that it creates more problems than it solves, as detailed in separate letters on the Draft Ordinance and Draft PEIR and recommend the continuation of the current Offset Requirements instead. We also feel that the Board should work with State and Federal agencies to bring new water sources into the basin to meet the future needs of the Paso Robles agricultural community.

Sincerely,

Dan Rodrigues
ALAB Chair
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