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To: Water Resources Advisory Committee

From: Joy Fitzhugh, WRAC Farm Bureau Representative

RE: Agricultural Cluster Subcommittee Recommendation

Although I am not able to attend this WRAC meeting today do to ranch work, as the representative for the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau I would like to address a couple of points relating to the subcommittee recommendations.

As chair of the subcommittee I was party to the development of the three recommendations and the follow-up question being presented to you today. As our Farm Bureau reviewed the subcommittee recommendations it emerged that a couple of changes to the subcommittee recommendations were needed in order to stay within the purpose of the WRAC. I would like to request discussion and amendment of recommendation 1 and the removal of the question on the residential unit cap from consideration by the WRAC today.

- A. I am asking that recommendation 1 be rewritten to be an overall statement with recommendations 2 and 3 providing further clarification:
Rewrite to state: **1. That agricultural clusters should be limited by the availability of sufficient water supply on the project property.** I am recommending the removal of “existing developable legal lots of record”. This statement is a general land use policy which does not answer the question whether there is sufficient or sustainable water availability. Thus, it is outside of the written purpose of the WRAC which advises on policy decisions relating to the water resources of the county.
- B. I am also asking for removal of the question “Does the WRAC feel that a cap on the number of residential units allowable in Ag. Clusters would be appropriate” from the WRAC’s discussion. A cap on residential units also speaks to a general land use policy not water availability which is what the WRAC needs to address.

Both of the land use issues “legal lots of record” and the residential cap are excellent questions for discussion by the appropriate body, one of which is the Agricultural Liaison Board, but is beyond the written purpose of the WRAC.

I again apologize for not being able to attend today’s meeting, but hope you will be able to support my requested changes.