



Fw: BoS hearing, October 1, 2013

Cytasha Campa to: BOS_Legislative Assistants, cr_board_clerk
Clerk Recorder

09/27/2013 11:26 AM

Kindest regards,

Cytasha Campa

Board Secretary

Board of Supervisors

San Luis Obispo County

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From: Jan Sherrill <pacamom@lightspeed.net>
To: fmecham@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 09/27/2013 11:26 AM
Subject: BoS hearing, October 1, 2013

I would like to support the extension of the Urgency Ordinance. We have lost two wells in the last year and are now needing to establish another one. We support PRO Water Equity's efforts to work toward a reasonable solution to the problem of water for the Paso Robles Ground Water basin.

Thank you.

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Fw: Extend Urgency Ordinance

Debbie Arnold to: cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder

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From: Frank OConnor <frnkoconnor@yahoo.com>
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Date: 09/26/2013 05:57 PM
Subject: Extend Urgency Ordinance

Supervisor Arnold please extend the Urgency Ordinance for 2years. I'm unable to attend the meeting on Oct. 1. I'm a widow 84 and do not drive to SLO. I live in a red zone area and everyday I live in fear that my well will dry up.Please enter this letter into the record for this hearing.

Barbara O'Connor



Fw: Family Farm and the Urgency Ordinance

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From: <bethmccown@cox.net>
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Date: 09/27/2013 12:34 PM
Subject: Family Farm and the Urgency Ordinance

Dear Mr. Gibson,

I am hoping to provide a voice for a group that I think has not been represented in the water discussions - small family farmers. The Ordinance and guidance provide no size thresholds regarding the irrigation of crops. The impact of that is to ruin a small family operation. It is happening to me.

My husband and I bought our property in 2012 and began to prepare for our 4-acre 400 tree olive orchard, doing everything we thought right.

We built our permitted ag barn; we deer-fenced the property; we bought our trees (and, aware of the drought conditions, we intentionally chose olive trees because they require less water and we spaced them on a 20' by 20' grid - certainly not densely planted.); we arranged irrigation - we did all of this before the ordinance was passed. I literally had my trees on my back patio, under a sunshade, hand watering them every day until it was cool enough to plant. The only reason the irrigation wasn't completed by August 27 was that I wanted to wait for cooler weather to plant and thus, felt no rush.

But now, I face the prospect that I may be prevented from watering my trees and seeing them die.

I recognize that every drop of water is important, but I do think that there is an equity concern when the exact same measures are applied to a small family farmer as to a large-acreage corporation.

I urge you to include in the guidance that consideration be given for small acreage plantings, especially where that small acreage is intended to help support the family.

Please don't take my orchard.

Best, Beth McCown



Fw: Paso Water Basin
Cytasha Campa to: cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder

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Subject: Paso Water Basin

Questions...

I've heard (not sure if this information is factual) that there have been numerous violations and some growers have continued planting in the area. If so, will these growers be asked to remove the new plants or will they just be fined?

The Tribune reported this morning that Supervisors are expected to allow some vineyard owners to complete planting, and adjust codes. There was mention of vested rights...giving vintners an exemption to the emergency ordinance if they have substantial site preparation, installed irrigation systems or purchased vines for planting prior to the ordinance. We all have time & money vested in our property prior to the ordinance. Will you please vote to continue the moratorium until we can find a way to stabilize the basin?

What are vested rights? Do pioneer families have vested rights? For the past year, my has been in the planning stages of building a home on property that's been in our family for generations. There is already a well on his property and he has invested thousands of dollars in soil samples and house plans. Does he have vested rights? Will he be allowed to build?

The Vintners want the new water district to be governed by the property owners who pay the most in taxes! Is this equivalent to a Vintners Dictatorship? Will the voices of the rural residents who want a "one-person-one vote presentation" be heard at the Oct. 1st meeting? The uncontrolled vineyard growth in our community is being forced upon us at an unsustainable rate and at a cost that we can't afford. Will you represent the local people that voted for you?

Janet Tornquist
El Pomar
Templeton



Fw: Urgency Ordinance Extension

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Subject: Urgency Ordinance Extension

As a person who has to drill a new well on my property as mine as dried up. I urgently plead to please extend the Ordinance Extension until we can come up with a logical plan that can to monitor the current water table situation. The county has known for a long time about the situation in our aquifer and has basically ignored it as far as I can see and now they watch wine growers and people with private wells for there homes argue with each other. The county has caused this mess and it is their responsibility to remedy it. The county has just stood back and watched and gave away well permits knowing that this problem was there. We have put the need for money to the county ahead of the people they serve. Please pass this Urgency Ordinance Extension and put people ahead of revenue. Thanks Dave and Anita Boles



Fw: Water issues in Paso

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From: <wendy@wendyweatherford.com>
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Date: 09/26/2013 08:30 PM
Subject: Water issues in Paso

Please count me in for supporting the 2 yr extension of the Urgency Ordinance.

Our Paso Basin must be reviewed and evaluated before we do any more damage.

Thank you,

Wendy Weatherford



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From: <wendy@wendyweatherford.com>
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Subject: Water issues in Paso

Ms Arnold

I know you are always so thoughtful as you attempt to find the best solution for so many things managing Luis Obispo County. I very much appreciate your common sense and your good judgement. Please continue to protect our most precious commodity, the Paso Water Basin.

I am pro business and pro environment, a very difficult path to walk. I do think without the water issue being clearly and carefully figured out, we will have neither, business or beauty, the very qualities we all love about San Luis Obispo County.

Please be very careful how you vote, we don't want to dilute what we have, in favor of what we won't have very soon if our precious water is exhausted.

Please count me in for supporting the 2 yr extension of the Urgency Ordinance. Our Paso Basin must be reviewed and evaluated before we do any more damage.

Thank you so very much,

Wendy Weatherford
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Dear Supervisor Gibson,
Perhaps you have heard this, but in case you have not, we are currently witnessing it.

The very ordinance that should be helping, is hindering us all, as vineyards are EXPANDING at breakneck speed.

East of Union and Geneseo Roads, wells are drying up every few days now.

As this is happening, common sense has gone out the window, and landowners driven by greed are expanding vineyards even though their neighbors' wells are dry out here.

What kind of people behave in this manner?
How can this be allowed?

(Yes, I am aware of "vested rights".)

What will you tell our citizens when there isn't a drop of water left?
In case it hasn't come up in conversation, vineyard wells can dry up too.....Tourism will grind to a halt, and much of our population will leave.

This insanity has got to stop!

Thank you for a response I can post on our community bulletin board for those of us left who have not lost our homes.

Donna Matthewson

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