



**Fw: LUCE Letter to Board**

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Please distribute letter attached to the Board of Supervisors for Tuesday, February 4, 2014 Board Meeting.

Thank you.  
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Supervisors  
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors  
County Government Center  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Re: Proposed Land Use and Circulation Element

Dear Supervisors:

On behalf of the members of the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau, I have testified and written letters to the Planning Staff and the Planning Commission opposing the consolidation of current 11 area plans into the proposed 4 planning areas of the LUCE.

Currently, the individual area plans have given those of us in the rural and outlying areas of the county ready access to the goals, policies, programs, data and land use information relating to each of our individual areas. With the consolidation, planning areas that have had plans that, although small and were easily understood, are now mixed into hundreds of pages along with totally unrelated areas.

At least 5 over the current planning areas have actually been divided and each is supposed to be placed in two different planning areas. That adds to the confusion. To follow the division of these planning areas it is now necessary to have computer search capability to determine which of the 4 plans you need to access in the proposed LUCE and then sort through anywhere from 2 to 7 different and unrelated sub-area policies, programs, etc. to find information you seek.

Specific information has been lost. As an example:

- In the proposed North County Planning area, Adelaida, El Pomar-Estrella, Las Pilitas, the north part of Los Padres, Nacimiento, Salinas River and the north part of the Shandon-Carrizo are all mixed up on one plan.

The very informational section describing Pozo in the Las Pilitas Area Plan (page 5-3) appears to be lost in the proposed LUCE. After searching through the computer I was unable to find these 4 very informative paragraphs. This is just an example of what is being lost in the consolidation of all these area plans.

Like with Pozo, the current Adelaida Plan has an extensive discussion of the region and the history of the region (page 1-1, Introduction). This has been lost in the proposed LUCE consolidation (pages III 4-7 and 8). Why is this important? People, especially new residents, who want to learn about their area, can find this information in the current Adelaida Plan and it will be lost in the proposed one.

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Although the proposed LUCE has a major discussion about fire services the portion relating Adelaida and fire protection (pg. III.3-19) is given 2 to 3 lines of less than specific information. In the current Adelaida Plan the significance of the issue of fire and fire response is presented in very clear language. It would seem with today's fire concerns this would be important.

- In the South County, the south part of Los Padres, south part of San Luis Obispo and the south part of San Luis Bay planning areas are mixed together with other current planning areas in the South County Plan. Even worse the Cuyama Valley which is the south part of the Shandon-Carrizo planning area (even though not identified as such in the Farmework for Planning) has no geographic, climatic, economic or population relationship to Pismo, Oceano or Nipomo areas. Why is this leg of the Shandon Carrizo Plan separated in the currently proposed LUCE?

This is just a few of our concerns with the consolidation. If indeed there needs to be only 4 plans, why not have the old areas as chapters of the consolidated plan for easier access?

Below are just a few text corrections relating to the current Planning Commission approved LUCE.

Page 111.4-11 paragraphs 1&2; Santa Rita and Old Creek are 2 separate roads not "Santa Rita Old Creek Road".

Page 111, .5-7 Table 5-1, Adelaida: Again, Old Creek and Santa Rita Creek Roads are separate roads.

We realize the extensive time and money has gone into this LUCE consolidation, but please do not carelessly approve these amendments without further review and consideration. Take more time to correct the errors and give those rural/outlying areas more consideration.

Thank you,



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