



**Fw: Board of Supervisor March 18, 2014 Meeting**

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Thank You.



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CLAUDE J. DEMERS

*March 17, 2014*

*San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors*

*RE: March 18, 2014 Board Meeting*

*As I am a working individual and not able to attend the March 18, 2014 hearing I am requesting this letter be enter in the March 18, 2014 hearing record regarding the adoption of a resolution directing staff to propose amendments to the existing AB 3030 Groundwater Management Plan. The BOS should be meeting with 'creditable' individuals - and that certainly doesn't mean attorneys - to gain more information regarding the current status of the basin before continuing this resolution. The Blue Ribbon Committee should not be considered a creditable source of information being the general public is now aware of the member composition as well as their intention of 'controlling' the management of the basin for personal gain.*

*I firmly believe some of the BOS supervisors, in particular Mr. Mechan, Mr. Gibson & Mr. Hill are back peddling so they can regain the trust from their constituents and this motion is nothing but a diversion to protect their reputation.*

*Respectfully,  
Claude J. Demers  
North County, Paso Robles*



**Fw: Petition re Special Legislation for Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Water District**

**Debbie Arnold** to: cr\_board\_clerk Clerk Recorder  
Sent by: **Jennifer Caffee**

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Please add to correspondence for March 18th BOS Mtg.

**Debbie Arnold**

Supervisor, 5th District  
San Luis Obispo County  
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From: Carol Rowland <crowland@wildblue.net>  
To: Debbie Arnold <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>, Caren Ray <cray@co.slo.ca.us>, Frank Mecham <fmecham@co.slo.ca.us>  
Date: 03/01/2014 12:18 PM  
Subject: Petition re Special Legislation for Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Water District

Dear Supervisors Arnold, Ray, and, Mecham

Here is a copy of a petition asking Assemblyman Achadjian to amend his special legislation for the Paso basin groundwater district.

*Here's why it's important now: the formation vote and the election of the Board of Directors can only be changed in legislation not at LAFCo so this needs to be done now.*

I am attaching the list of signatures (105) as well as a pdf file of comments.



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Here is a letter sent out asking for signatures as well as the link to the petition online.

Hello!

I've started the petition "Katcho Achadjian: Stand up for one person – one vote! Amend your special legislation to form the Paso Basin Water District" and need your help to get it off the ground.

Will you take 30 seconds to sign it right now? Here's the link:

<http://www.change.org/petitions/katcho-achadjian-stand-up-for-one-person-one-vote-amend-your-special-legislation-to-form-the-paso-basin-water-district>

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Now it is on it's way to Sacramento. Assemblyman Achadjian had previously said he wouldn't carry it to Sacramento unless the community supported it. A 3-2 vote is not community support.

Join me in sending a message to Assemblyman Achadjian that the special legislation endorsed by a 3 to 2 vote by the Board of Supervisors does NOT give rural residents FAIR REPRESENTATION in the proposed water district.

The petition

Dear Assemblyman Achadjian,

Please amend your legislation for a Water District over the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. The vote to FORM the district and the vote to ELECT directors should be based on one vote per registered voter.

The legislation as written is based on votes by acreage and not by one vote per voter. This is NOT FAIR to the vast number of residents living in the proposed district. "Local control" should be fairly represented local control. Not control by local big money.

There is more than one way to form a district. As currently written, the district formation and the voting for the Board of Directors are heavily weighted towards a few large landowners. We are a diverse community. Only 30-50 landowners could form a district made up of 4,906 landowners. There are about 10,000 rural residential voters who are not fairly represented in the proposed legislation. We want the formation vote to be one vote per registered voter and the election of Board of Directors to be one vote per registered voter. Stand up for one person-one vote.

You can sign my petition [by clicking here.](#)

Thanks!

Carol Rowland

Sincerely,  
Carol Rowland  
Creston, CA 93432

Name	City	State	Zip Code	Country	Signed On
Carol Rowland	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/20/14
SUSAN HARVE	PASO ROBLES	California	93446	United States	2/20/14
joan carter	sanluisobispo	California	93405	United States	2/20/14
Carolee Kriege	Santa Barbara	California	93108	United States	2/20/14
N. Patrick Vee	Santa Margarit	California	93453	United States	2/20/14
patty king	paso robles	California	93446	United States	2/20/14
Elliott Perkins	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/20/14
mary sweeney	creston	California	93432	United States	2/20/14
DANIEL OGRA	ATASCADERO	California	93422	United States	2/20/14
Inge Meinzer	Paso Robles	California	93447	United States	2/20/14
Frank Duckwo	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/20/14
Dianne Jackso	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/20/14
michael garbe	paso robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Miranda Joseph			93453	United States	2/21/14
B B	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/21/14
Stephen Bayu	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Cynthia Nalyw	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Teresa Raley	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Terry Raley	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Calvin French	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Kim Metcalf	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
lisa ramsey	Pismo Beach	California	93449	United States	2/21/14
patricia johns	los osos	California	93402	United States	2/21/14
Fred Trombly	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Susan Harney	Atascadero	California	93422	United States	2/21/14
Edmond Martir	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Penelope Duck	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Nick & Michell	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
d m	paso robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Geraldine May	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/21/14
Anna Meyrick	Templeton	California	93465	United States	2/21/14
Louise Hamm	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Catherine Turr	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Darryl Stolz	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
mark phillips	paso robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Marcia Harvey	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Blake Wagner	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Scott Wilhite	paso robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Richard Jacobs	Templeton	California	93465	United States	2/21/14
Tye Hamilton	Atascadero	California	93423	United States	2/21/14
Cynthia Vaugh	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Beth Wray	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/21/14
Gary Wray	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/21/14
linda Seeley	San Luis Obis	California	93405	United States	2/21/14
Donald Dough	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Sylvia Doughe	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Diane Sayre	Hanford	California	93230	United States	2/21/14
Karen Roots	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14

David Broadwa	Atascadero	California	93422	United States	2/21/14
Pamela Barret	Shandon	California	93461	United States	2/21/14
Barbara Hubb	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Barry Johnson	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Ted Hamm	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Sheila Lyons	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/21/14
Naomi Blakely	San Luis Obisp	California	93405	United States	2/21/14
Ann Killingbecl	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Larry and Vick	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/21/14
maria lorca	creston	California	93432	United States	2/21/14
Rudy Wooten	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/21/14
gerhard weine	paso robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Lee Perkins	Atascadero	California	93422	United States	2/21/14
Sandra Dimon	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Patricia G. Liv	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/21/14
Mike Dimond	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/21/14
Janice Wooten	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/22/14
Melenie Ristow	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/22/14
Charles Kleem	Santa Margarit	California	93453	United States	2/22/14
betty winholtz	morro bay	California	93442	United States	2/22/14
Brian Hopkins	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/22/14
Marissa Round	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/22/14
Jane Cochrane	Hanford	California	93230	United States	2/22/14
mary Dwight	San Luis Obisp	California	93401	United States	2/22/14
Anthony Howe	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/22/14
Lynn Barstad	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/22/14
Linnea Faulkn	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/22/14
Patsy Bauman	Anaheim	California	92804	United States	2/22/14
Kim Lachance	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/22/14
Marc Ristow	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/22/14
Evan Mason	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/22/14
Landon Young	Miami	New Mexico	87729	United States	2/22/14
mary kanton	Paso Robles	California	93465	United States	2/22/14
Steven Tate	Columbia Falls	Montana	59912	United States	2/23/14
Lisa Tate	Columbia Falls	Montana	59912	United States	2/23/14
chris rounds	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/23/14
Mary Nave	Templeton	California	93465	United States	2/23/14
Jessica Milne	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/23/14
Fred Aguiar	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/23/14
Ronald Dugger	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/23/14
Avery Grossm	Santa Barbara	California	93106	United States	2/23/14
Edward Bernar	Paos Robles	California	93446	United States	2/23/14
Roy Barba	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/24/14
Roberta Barba	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/24/14
Dale Tozzi	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/24/14
David Lyons	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/25/14
Anna Rapp	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/25/14
catherine gritz	paso robles	California	93446	United States	2/25/14
Michele Hines	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/25/14

Debbie Dye	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/25/14
Tim Long	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/25/14
Monty Patterson	crestonRDCres	California	93432	United States	2/25/14
Donald Wilson	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/25/14
Cynthia Wilson	Creston	California	93432	United States	2/26/14
Jamie Smith	Paso Robles	California	93446	United States	2/26/14
charles faulkner	paso robles	California	93446	United States	2/27/14
Katy Smith	Paso robles	California	93446	United States	2/27/14

# Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Carol Rowland	Creston, CA	2014-02-20	<p>Tuesday February 18, 2014 the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors Voted on whether or not to approve the Special Legislative Platform Policy Statement for the proposed Paso Robles Groundwater Basin as written.</p> <p>In spite of an online petition signed by 127 residents asking them NOT to vote for it as written, and in spite of the fact that the majority of public comment at that meeting were opposed to it, they passed it by a 3 in favor 2 opposed vote.</p> <p>Now it is on it's way to Sacramento. Assemblyman Achadjian had previously said he wouldn't carry it to Sacramento unless the community supported it. A 3-2 vote is not community support.</p> <p>Join me in sending a message to Assemblyman Achadjian that the special legislation endorsed by a 3 to 2 vote by the Board of Supervisors does NOT give rural residents FAIR REPRESENTATION in the proposed water district.</p>
Patrick Veesar	Santa Margarita, CA	2014-02-21	I believe in democracy and I believe in one person one vote. The agriculture industry in CA uses 80% of the state's water. They want it all, and this is just another water grab by ag.
Allen Duckworth	Paso Robles, CA	2014-02-21	I am opposed to taxation without representation.
randy joseph	atascadero, CA	2014-02-21	We need voting representation by the individual residents to count 1 for 1: NOT swayed toward larger land owners who will comprise a majority and have the majority of money available to sway votes over individual power. One person ONE Vote PLEASE-This is a democracy not a serfdom
B B	Creston, CA	2014-02-21	One vote per one voter is tyhe only fair way to address this very serious problem!
Cynthia Nalywaiko	Paso Robles, CA	2014-02-21	Fairness is my objective for control of the groundwater situation in Paso Robles.
Calvin French	Paso Robles, CA	2014-02-21	The current plan give too much power to the most profligate users of water and too little to ordinary citizen landowners.
Penny Duckworth	Paso Robles, CA	2014-02-21	A water district isn't going to help the basin. The only way to help the basin is to reduce the numbers acres planted in vines.
Geraldine May	Creston, CA	2014-02-21	Represent ALL of your constituents or suffer the consequences at the polls!
Richard Jacobsen	Templeton, CA	2014-02-22	We need one vote per person and no water sold or traded out side of county
Cynthia Vaughn	Paso Robles, CA	2014-02-22	I want to perserve my water rights on my well on my land that I paid for
Donald Dougherty	Paso Robles, CA	2014-02-22	One vote per person is fair.
Pamela Barrett	Shandon, CA	2014-02-22	Do you care about who gets say so on your water rights? If you live in North County SLO then read and sign this...
Barbara Hubbard	Paso Robles, CA	2014-02-22	It is our right to keep our water in Paso Robles and our own wells
Ted Hamm	Paso Robles, CA	2014-02-22	one owner one vote is the only fair way
Sheila Lyons	Creston, CA	2014-02-22	I want to see a fair vote when it come to formation of a district. Supervisor Gibson said at the 2/18/14 B of S meeting we can't make it one man one vote because it might not pass. Really? Other water districts are moving to this type of vote for their Board of Directors too. We should do what is right from the beginning. One person one vote.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Ann Killingbeck	Paso Robles, CA	2014-02-22	Paso resident and business owner
Larry and Vicki Carlson	Creston, CA	2014-02-22	To have equal representation and not have the decisions made by big wine industry.
maria lorca	creston, CA	2014-02-23	The supporters of this flawed legislation admit that they don't want the people to vote because we would vote it down. We don't see their governance proposal as fair or beneficial to the basin. Please do not become the salesman for a plan that will make a few people rich while the rest of us are taxed to pay for it.
Rudy Wooten	Creston, CA	2014-02-23	I am opposed to the proposal. A large property owner's votes should not carry more weight than the small landowner's vote.
Sandra Dimond	Paso Robles, CA	2014-02-23	We need to be fair; one vote per registered voter.
Charles Kleemann	Santa Margarita, CA	2014-02-23	The formation of a district by anything other than one vote per person would appear to stray from the most basic of democratic principles. Is this the precedent we want to set?
mary Dwight	San Luis Obispo, CA	2014-02-23	save our water, one vote per registered.
Linnea Faulkner	Paso Robles, CA	2014-02-23	This legislation does not give fair representation. It evokes the "Golden Rule: he who has the gold, makes the rules." I do not want to be a serf cowering to a water lord.
Patsy Bauman	Anaheim, CA	2014-02-23	I'm a Creston property owner.
Kim Lachance	Paso Robles, CA	2014-02-23	Looking for a fair and equitable plan - A plan to serve all and not just a select few.
Evan Mason	Paso Robles, CA	2014-02-23	Your legislation needs to represent "All" of the affected land owners, not just the major acreage holders.
Landon Young	Miami, NM	2014-02-23	As landowners near Santa Margarita, CA since 1969 my family has watched the growing erosion of fair local representation in the face of big money's undemocratic power to politically persuade.
Lisa Tate	Columbia Falls, MT	2014-02-23	My husband and I own a home in paso Robles, CA.
Ronald Dugger	Paso Robles, CA	2014-02-23	As written, the larger property owners have huge advantage as to the outcome of voting.
dale tozzi	creston, CA	2014-02-24	in a true Democracy... everyone gets one vote
David Lyons	Creston, CA	2014-02-25	Democracy is one person, one vote. This district is oligarchy. Welcome to Russia.
Anna Rapp	Creston, CA	2014-02-25	I am an overlier of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. I support the formulation of a water district based on 1 vote per parcel. I also believe that the language of the legislation should spell out that no water from the Basin should be transported outside the Basin. I would like to believe that we live in democracy and not a plutocracy.
catherine gritzfeld	paso robles, CA	2014-02-25	we want to be sure that small land owners are equally represented when it comes to making decisions regarding our property

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Donald Wilson	Creston, CA	2014-02-25	<p>We just received your Capitol News email newsletter and your lead article regarding the present water crisis prompts me to write to urge you to not support or promote to the legislature, in its current form, the proposed water management district legislation being put forward by PRAAGS and ProWater (which we understand has or will soon be forwarded to you by the County Supervisors, per a split 3-2 vote earlier this week). In the current iteration, it is the wrong solution, in that it would effectively disenfranchise individual homeowners and small landowners.</p> <p>I agree that a water management district is required in some fashion as soon as possible, in view of the statewide drought being experienced. However, to create a district based upon votes by acreage, rather than 1 vote per parcel, is inherently and fatally biased in favor of the large, corporate money interests. Any vote taken on water issues would, in fact, be no vote at all under their scheme. It was estimated at the recent Board of Supervisors meeting that as few as 9 large landowners could dominate the votes, based upon acreage, within the proposed district, leaving effectively 98% of the residents without any voice or means to protect their legal water rights for themselves, their families, homes and livelihoods.</p> <p>While formation of a water district should absolutely be a priority, any water management district should not be one based upon this PRAAGS proposal, based as it is on votes by acreage. All landowners have equal legal rights and interests in protecting their properties and their water and all should receive equal input into water decisions and equal protections under the law. Clearly, as pointed out by the Supervisors themselves this week, recent court decisions have demonstrated a growing consistency in water management matters of favoring votes based upon 1 vote per parcel and not 1 vote per acre. The latter may have made sense in the past for purely agricultural water sharing districts... but makes no sense whatsoever in a "hybrid" area such as ours, with its current mix of commercial, urban residential, rural residential and small, medium and large purely agricultural property interests.</p> <p>Because the PRAAGS / ProWater proposal is the first proposed solution, does not mean it is the proper or fair solution.</p> <p>One final point for your consideration, the present plan also fails to contain any language to preclude or proscribe the banking and sale of local water outside of the county. The PRAAGS and ProWater plan advocates, have repeatedly pushed aside requests of many to add the simple language to prevent the export of our limited water resources. In our view, that should be clearcut and should not even be a debatable issue or concern.</p> <p>Please help us insure fairness to all the residents of this county. Thank you.</p>
Cynthia Wilson	Creston, CA	2014-02-26	<p>The voting structure as proposed in this legislation disenfranchises the vast majority of the residents in favor of large landowners that may or may not be actual residents of the area. This clearly benefits corporate interests to the detriment of local residents who are, incidentally, the people responsible for your current position in the State Assembly.</p>
Jamie Smith	Paso Robles, CA	2014-02-26	<p>My family depends on water from our well/the basin to live. Simple as that.</p>
Katy Smith	Paso robles, CA	2014-02-27	<p>To protect our valuable water resource and to ensure water will be available for future generations.</p>



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**Sent by:** Cytasha Campa/BOS/COSLO

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**Survey Response**

Name:	James Lopes
Telephone Number:	
Email address:	<a href="mailto:jameslopes@charter.net">jameslopes@charter.net</a>
	<p>TO: Board of Supervisors RE: Water Offsets for New Homes not Sustainable I would like clarification about the water offsets for new homes over the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. According to The Tribune, February 26, 2014, your Board approved a program to allow retro-fitting existing homes to credit water use in new homes. The net effect will be zero increase in groundwater usage from new residential growth. I'm not anti-growth, except in cases like this where water resources are in decline and already impacting existing development. It would be sustainable to restore the groundwater levels to higher elevations through a combination of reductions in residential and agricultural demand. On one hand, your Board may be asked to institute water conservation measures on existing homes. These measures may be challenging and</p>

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):

expensive for homeowners. But, it would be toward a sustainable groundwater basin if you also postponed new development until the basin is no longer in an overdraft, declining situation. By allowing builders to change hardware in existing homes (conserving water) to increase demand elsewhere in new homes, you have not accomplished any move toward a sustainable basin. The measure simply adds more straws in the basin; these new homes may use water for landscaping, washing cars, taking long showers, etc. Therefore, additional demand may be placed on the basin. As they say, you have just rearranged the deck chairs on the Titanic. The measure, at 7.5 retrofits average per new house, would create about 350 new homes over the basin. It would be prudent to delay the allowance of new homes until groundwater levels have risen to restore adequate well usage from the thousands of existing homes and eliminate the threat to their water supplies from the ongoing decline. I would appreciate any clarification on the matter from you or staff. Sincerely, Jamie Lopes c: James Caruso; Planning and Building