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"Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been" - Mark Twain

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Dear Board members,  
The Attached letter is submitted by the Templeton Chamber of Commerce regarding the above referenced Item to be discussed at tomorrow's Board meeting. If there are any comments, or questions, please let me know...  
We appreciated your consideration,  
Rob Rosales, Committee for Gov't Affairs & Economic Development  
Templeton Chamber of Commerce

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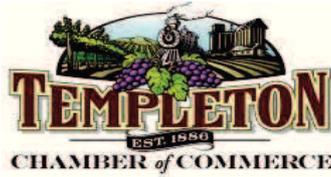
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Date: January 26, 2015

To: SLO County Board of Supervisors

From: Templeton Chamber of Commerce

Re: Board Mtg 1/27/2015, Item 23 - Discussion of Paso Robles Basin Water District Formation and Consideration of District Formation

Greetings,

The Templeton Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to voice our support of the Templeton Community Service District efforts to explore the possibility of forming a GSA, and eventual GSP specific to the Atascadero Subbasin. We would like your endorsement and support of this effort, and direction for County Staff to proactively assist this effort as part of their overarching strategy to "establish community focused GSA's based on cooperative interagency and stakeholder relationships in order to comply with SGMA requirements." (County Staff Report, Submittal of a Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Strategy, Mtg date 1/13/2015)

It was noted in recent meetings that, "While the SGMA requires management of an entire Paso Basin as identified in Bulletin 118, it does not disallow multiple local GSA's, nor multiple GPA's for management of the entire basin..." and that "(County) Staff is also exploring the possibility of treating the Atascadero Subbasin differently than other areas falling within the DWR boundaries but outside of the Phase 1 Study boundaries based on its identification as a subbasin with partial hydraulic separation by Fugro and Cleath." Acknowledgement of this separation was most recently affirmed with the submittal of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Computer Model Update Draft Final Report Summary - "the Atascadero Sub-Basin is hydraulically disconnected - at least partially - from the (Paso) Basin.(p 93)

It is also notable that when discussing strategy for compliance with SGMA requirements, County Staff recognized that no "one size fits all" and that GSPs should be defined by the conditions present in each groundwater basin, along with the benefits provided by that water.

At this time, participation by TCSD in a GSA particular to the Atascadero subbasin appears to be a better alternative to participation in a GSA for the entire Paso Basin : (a) the Atascadero basin is hydraulically separate from the rest of the Paso Basin, with differing conditions and benefits which require distinct best management practices, (b) the Atascadero subbasin has more concentrated population centers (urban areas), and business entities with distinctly different demand on water resources than the greater Paso Basin area, whose overlying users are primarily rural domestic residences and agricultural users, (c) restriction require for the greater Paso Basin may unduly inhibit the TCSD from the orderly conduct of providing service to their business and residential customers, and (d) TCSD, as a distinguished water purveyor agency, is better positioned to address the needs specific to their customers and implement best management practices for the Atascadero Subbasin area that comply with SGMA requirements.

For these reasons, the Templeton Chamber of Commerce requests that County officials continue to accept their past finding that the Atascadero Subbasin is hydraulically distinct from the Paso Basin, and that County Staff will proactively support any effort to prepare and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan particular to the Atascadero Subbasin.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Templeton Chamber of Commerce

Cc: County Public Works, TCSD, TAAG

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