



**Fw: Paso Robles Ground Water Ordinance**  
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Dear Supervisors Compton and Arnold,

My name is David Volk. My wife and I own 42 acres on the West Side of Paso Robles. We would like to plant less than 20 acres of grapes and olive trees. The Paso Robles Ground Water Ordinance presently allow, as an exemption, sites of 20 acres or less from the Ordinance. Unfortunately, site as defined in the Ordinance, is the area of the underlying parcel not the area to be planted and irrigated thus we are not exempt from the Ordinance. We feel this is unfair.

As the Ordinance is presently written, the owner of a 20 acre site (parcel) may plant the entire site with an irrigated crop. While the owner of a parcel greater than 20 acres is completely restricted from planting any irrigated crop. While this may seem unjust and may not have been the intent of the Board it is never the less the current Ordinance.

I would respectfully request, if the Ordinance does indeed pass that the definition of **SITE** be changed to reflect the area planted and irrigated as apposed to the size of the underlying parcel size. This only seems fair.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important issue,  
David M. Volk



**Fw: Farm Bureau Letter on Agenda Item 31**  
**Cytasha Campa** to: cr\_board\_clerk Clerk Recorder

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Kindest regards,

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Good Afternoon Cytashia,

Thank you for being willing to distribute our Farm Bureau letter on Agenda Item 31 of the February 24, 2015 meeting to all the Supervisors on the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

  
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February 19, 2015

Supervisors  
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors  
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The San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau Board of Directors would like to address item 31 on the Tuesday, February 24, 2015 agenda. We ask the Board of Supervisors to take the following action.

*We do not support extension of the Urgency Ordinance or the Agriculture Water Conservation Offset Program.*

Should the Board of Supervisors vote to extend the Agriculture Water Conservation Offset Program we strongly recommend a January 1, 2018 expiration date of any extension or upon the implementation of a Groundwater Management Authority/SGMA whichever comes sooner.

The afore mentioned offset program, applying to the Paso Robles groundwater basin only, should be continued as it is today on a case-by-case basis with the County Planning Department.

It is very important for agriculture to have the flexibility to change their crops adapting to the market and prevailing conditions. We believe that above action could address this concern.

Sincerely,

JOY FITZHUGH, Legislative Analyst

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Mission Statement:

“To lead San Luis Obispo County in the protection, promotion and advocacy of agriculture for the benefit of our members and community.”

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**Fw: February 24, 2015 BoS meeting, Agenda Item #31**  
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Chair Arnold & Supervisors,

We hope that you will take into account PRO Water Equity's attached letter during your deliberations on Tuesday.

Sue Luft  
President



PRO Water Equity, Inc.      PWE Comments to BoS 2-24-15.pdf

February 19, 2015

Chair Debbie Arnold  
Supervisor Frank Mecham  
Supervisor Bruce Gibson  
Supervisor Adam Hill  
Supervisor Lynn Compton

Re: Interim Management of the Paso Basin  
February 24, 2015 Board of Supervisors Meeting  
Agenda Item #31

The Urgency Ordinance, due to expire in August of this year, was developed to give the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin a breather from the stress of chronic overpumping that has been the status quo for many years. The recent computer model update makes it clear that growth in water uses will make it harder - or maybe impossible - to balance the basin.

The enactment of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 requires a management agency to be established for the Basin, and that agency will be required to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for sustainably managing the Basin. A Groundwater Sustainability Agency must be in place by 2017 and a plan established by 2020 or 2022.

That leaves a window of opportunity for additional irrigated plantings, additional wells and additional development between the expiration of the Urgency Ordinance and the point at which a management agency can effectively manage the Basin. That will mean the management agency will be working to dig the Basin out of an even deeper hole.

We encourage you to move forward with dispatch to develop an ordinance to be ready and in place upon expiration of the Urgency Ordinance. The new ordinance should contain the basic provisions of the existing ordinance: applicable to the Paso Basin, water neutrality on new water uses, boundaries to match the current ordinance, limit vested rights to those under the current ordinance (i.e. - no new vested rights).

Additionally, the ordinance could sunset upon one or more conditions, but the shortest timeframe sunset clause would occur if the AB2453 water district is formed and subsequently requests for the ordinance to be repealed because the district is in a position to manage new pressures on the Basin.

PRO Water Equity also requests that the Paso Basin Advisory Committee be actively engaged in developing the replacement ordinance provisions. The BAC is broadly representative of the stakeholders of the Basin and can quickly develop consensus as to what would work for agriculture, rural residents, rangeland and commercial interests.

Time is of the essence as County staff will need to prepare an EIR for the ordinance and there can be no delay or break in protection for the Basin.

Thank you for your consideration.

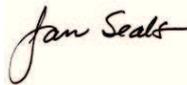
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