

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Agricultural Commissioner	(2) MEETING DATE 6/2/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Martin Settevendemie 805.781.5910	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a letter of opposition to the State Water Resources Control Board's Grazing Regulatory Action Project. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board review and approve a letter drafted by staff opposing the State Water Resources Control Board's Grazing Regulatory Action Project and submit the approved letter to the State Water Resources Control Board.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: <u>4/7/2015</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Lisa Howe			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Agricultural Commissioner / Martin Settevendemie  
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## **RECOMMENDATION**

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## **DISCUSSION**

During the April 7, 2015 San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors meeting, staff was directed to provide the Board a draft letter expressing the Board's opposition to the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) Grazing Regulatory Action Project (GRAP).

The draft letter expresses the concerns of the Board and the local farming and ranching community regarding the GRAP, a statewide project initiated by the SWRCB to scope a proposed regulation addressing water quality impacts that the SWRCB claims to be attributable to animal grazing practices throughout California. Approximately one million acres of grazing land in San Luis Obispo County could potentially be impacted by such a regulation.

On January 9, 2015, the SWRCB held a listening session in San Luis Obispo. There were many comments made expressing that the concept of a statewide regulatory approach imposed on grazing land is unnecessary and widely opposed. There were very few comments of support.

The draft letter of opposition provided in this staff report is a result of concerns expressed at the listening session and also reflects the concerns of Board members as evidenced by the unanimous vote on April 7, 2015, to direct staff to prepare the draft letter.

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

University of California Cooperative Extension Farm Advisors provided technical information used to prepare the draft letter.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

None

## **RESULTS**

The intended result of the letter is to inform the SWRCB of the Board's opposition to the State Water Resources Control Board's Grazing Regulatory Action Project.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Attachment 1