

July 8, 2016

Supervisor Lynn Compton  
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Subject: Emergency Oak Ordinance

Dear Supervisor Compton,

Thank you for listening to the concerns of citizens alarmed by recent deforestation in the Willow Creek/Adelaida area. There seems to be resistance from some of the county's wealthier landowners to any form of regulation. Please stay the course. The event which has attracted so much outrage is not an isolated incident. I'm confident you have studied other examples of careless agriculture, including grading of trees, deep wells, and irrigation (evaporation) ponds. The beauty and fragile nature of our local environment, especially in drought conditions, cannot withstand continued onslaughts. An oak woodland ordinance would discourage large-scale projects which denude our hillsides and threaten our drought-stricken water supply.

We bought land over 35 years ago in an area close to the deforestation. While building our home, we lived in travel trailers with neither power nor phone service. Lacking other amusement, our three young children spent many hours exploring, and grew attached to the oaks and critters in their new environment. We are caretakers of this special place, not "owners" of it. Our youngest child, Mark, has been working hard to spread awareness of the perils posed by corporations which lack a deep connection to the land and don't perceive values beyond monetary ones. He clearly grew up "a child of the land". He is also doing his best to keep the discourse civil. We're proud of him. This letter is written to support his efforts and in appreciation for this lovely area we call home.

Tourism and tax dollars are important to county coffers, but a long-range view is needed. The preservation of the land and the security of citizens, including small land owners, must remain a priority.

Protect the oaks; preserve our way of life!

Sincerely,



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