

FW: BoS hearing, July 15, 2016, Item 2, Agricultural Pond and Reservoir Interim Zoning Urgency Ordinance

Blake Fixler

Mon 7/11/2016 8:15 AM

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Forwarding for your review.
Thank you.

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Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2016 8:49 PM
To: [Lynn Compton - Supervisor](#) ; [Debbie Arnold - Supervisor](#) ; [Bruce Gibson - Supervisor](#) ; [Adam Hill - Supervisor](#) ; [Frank Mecham - Supervisor](#)
Cc: [Cytasha Campa](#)
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Chair Compton
Supervisor Arnold
Supervisor Gibson

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Meeting Date: July 15, 2016
Presented by: Karl and Sue Luft
Rec'd prior to meeting & posted to web on: July 11, 2016

Supervisor Hill
Supervisor Mecham

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Subject: Item #2 (Ag pond ordinance), July 15 BoS meeting

July 8, 2016

TO: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

RE: Item #2, July 15, 2016
Draft Agricultural Pond and Reservoir Urgency Ordinance

Chair Compton and Supervisors,

This letter is in support of the proposed Draft Agricultural Pond and Reservoir Urgency Ordinance drafted by staff.

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Presented by: Laurie Gage
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There are many logical positives contained in this urgency ordinance such as the requirement to minimize evaporative water loss and maintaining the water usage on site.

I would encourage you to consider a higher offset than 1:1. Calculation of evaporative water loss depends on many complex factors and a 1:1 offset may not provide for sufficient offset to keep a pond water neutral.

Additionally, your ordinance calls for a well interference analysis without specifying what “neighboring” means – is this just for wells on parcels adjacent to the site, or for any wells within a specified distance of the pond location? I would suggest that you include any wells on adjacent parcels and/or within an up to 1 mile radius from the pond location.

I would further ask that you consider requiring physical evaporative barriers not just on future but all existing ag ponds. While this intelligent modification to existing conditions would probably best be included in a future ordinance, it makes sense to consider taking that additional step to protect the many existing and large reservoirs from evaporative loss.

Thank you for your consideration of this ordinance and I urge you to support it whole-heartedly.

Thank you.

Laurie Gage
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Subject: RE: Item #2, July 15, 2016, Draft Agricultural Pond and Reservoir Urgency Ordinance

July 10, 2016

Chair Compton and Supervisors,

We are writing in support of the proposed Draft Agricultural Pond and Reservoir Urgency Ordinance drafted by staff.

Water has always been liquid gold in California. Increased population, agricultural expansion, extended drought, and climate change, have all put greater demand on this vital resource. It is time to make sure that our limited water supply is not hoarded or squandered and is available for all overliers. The proposed urgency ordinance is a good starting point.

We would suggest that "neighboring wells"--in Section 6, D, iv--be defined by a specified distance from the proposed reservoir. Perhaps within a one mile radius.

We urge your board to pass the proposed ordinance.

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Sincerely,
Jan & Gary Seals
District 1, Paso Robles