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For your review.
This is a District 1 constituent.
Thank you.

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To the Board of Supervisors, County of San Luis Obispo

The Honorable Chairperson Lynn Compton; Board Members Adam Hill, Bruce Gibson, Debbie Arnold and Frank Mecham

RE: Urgency Ordinance No. 3325 and Urgency Ordinance No. 3326

This Tuesday August 16th, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors will be reviewing and voting on the extension for up to a period of 22 months and 15 days: 1) Urgency Ordinance No. 3325 to protect native oak trees, and 2) Urgency Ordinance No. 3326 to prohibit the construction of new agriculture ponds and reservoirs.

As stated in both Urgency Ordinances, the County has chosen to adopt the two 45-day urgency ordinances pursuant to the provisions of Government Code sections 25123 and 65858 and as the Urgency Ordinances are set to expire on August 16, 2016, it is contingent upon the Board to vote to extend these urgency ordinances so as to provide additional time that will allow staff to prepare more comprehensive and permanent ordinances that will balance the wants and needs of the public, ranchers, farmers, organizations, businesses, et all.

San Luis Obispo County chose to operate under the "Voluntary Oak Woodlands Management Plan" enacted in 2003, which was drafted..."to encourage the long-term conservation of oak woodlands and recognizes that farming, ranching, and grazing operations can be compatible with oak woodland conservation." This document has served to outline the best management practices for all parties and as such, has operated successfully until recent actions (Estate Vineyard/Wonderful Co. – May of 2016) demonstrated that a voluntary program is no longer the tool it was intended to be and mandatory ordinances are now required.

San Luis Obispo County is one of the last unincorporated areas in the State of California to enact such permanent ordinances to protect the native trees and groundwater that have become such a concern to all of us that live here. As demonstrated through their actions, counties such as Santa Barbara and Monterey as well as the State of California have all seen the need to create such documents to protect these valuable and limited resources from the greed of those that would put themselves before the wellbeing of the communities that make up this wonderful County.

Even now with the Chimney Fire burning out of control and "Sudden Oak Tree Death" disease encroaching from Monterey County, it has never been more evident that protection of our resources is one of the most important issues that the Board of Supervisors will be faced with during your tenure. Our future is in your hands!

As such, I would urge each and every member of the Board of Supervisors to vote unanimously to extend the Urgency Ordinances for a reasonable time so as to better provide protection from any further destruction of our communities while allowing for the development of permanent ordinances that would serve to better protect all.

Thank you,
Steve and Clara Baker

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