

FW: Oak Tree Ordinance

Vicki Shelby

Mon 8/15/2016 8:40 AM

To: cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder <cr_board_clerk@co.slo.ca.us>;

Vicki M. (Shelby) Fogleman
Legislative Assistant for
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From: kimasanders@aol.com [mailto:kimasanders@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 12:12 AM

To: BOS_District 5_Web Contact <district5@co.slo.ca.us>

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Subject: Oak Tree Ordinance

Ms. Arnold.

I am writing to you to urge you to vote in support of a stringent protective and permanent oak tree ordinance. I live in Atascadero and since your website reads, "...it is important to me that you feel comfortable sharing your priorities, concerns or ideas about how we can improve our quality of life here on the Central Coast," and since you represent me, I am compelled to tell you that oak tree protection is a high priority that is of great concern to me and many people that I know who live in this county.

Your failure to support a stringent protective and permanent oak tree ordinance, would be inconsistent with the County's adopted Climate Action Plan (CAP; Nov. 2011). Specifically it would be inconsistent with community wide green house gas reduction measures such as the community forestry program included in chapter 5 of the CAP. The CAP specifically encourages tree planting because of its benefits for carbon sequestration, which is at the heart of reducing the potential for climate change.

I am asking you to serve your district and the citizens of this county by using the ordinance as an opportunity to implement the CAP.

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Presented By: Kim Sanders

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Since you are on the Board of Supervisors and their mission statement reads, "The San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors, the legislative arm of the County government, is committed to the implementation of such policies and the provision of such services that will enhance the economic, environmental and social quality of life in San Luis Obispo County," I have a few more things to express.

I will continue by referring to economics in my defense of a protective ordinance. I have heard many times that my fellow Atascaderan residents chose not to buy a house in Paso Robles or pay rent there, but rather to live in Atascadero because of the oak trees that still exist in our City. People who choose to buy houses or pay rent and live, meaning, spend money, in locations with oak trees enhance the economic quality of those locations.

I will also write about environmental enhancement.

1. Oak trees are part of the natural environment and as such are part of our natural resources that provide habitat (food, shade, cover, roosting, nesting and other important habitat features) for myriad wildlife. Oak trees also provide habitat for fellow oak trees. Oak trees enhance our environment by providing habitat.

2. **Oak trees enhance the quality of water**, one of our most vital natural environmental resources. Oak trees have root structures that hold hillsides and creek banks together. This reduces the erosion that causes infrastructure to fail (another economic positive) and the sedimentation that pollutes waterbodies. Oak trees are part of riparian systems that shade the water providing cool water for wildlife that require it, such as fish.

3. **Oak trees enhance the natural environment in terms of air quality**, also one of our most vital resources. Trees emit oxygen, what you and I need to breathe to survive.

4. **Oak trees protect against climate change.** Justin Gillis' 2011 article in the New York Times entitled *With Deaths of Forests, a Loss of Crucial Climate Protectors* explains how trees provide protection against climate change. Gillis wrote, "Scientists have figured out...that forests are absorbing more than a quarter of the carbon dioxide people are putting into the air by burning fossil fuels and other activities. It is an amount so large that trees are effectively absorbing emission for all the worlds cars and trucks."

Trees are losing the battle against climate change due to the climate-change-caused-diseases (diseases formerly killed by, for example, freezing temperatures), drought induced weaknesses and more prevalent fires that have killed many of them. How are trees to continue absorbing carbon dioxide if we don't protect them? Our community needs to do the opposite, we need to protect oak trees and see that new individual oak trees are generated.

And regarding the social quality of life that you aim to enhance, **because of their beauty, and perhaps their shade**, people seek out locations with oak trees to get married, have parties, enjoy wine, and soak in hot tubs, to name a few. In fact, because of the valuable symbolic nature of oaks to our County, we have a city, events, streets, wineries, and an equestrian center named after oak trees.

What you may not know is that we don't have many other trees besides oaks. Other than ornamental trees, most of which require lots of water to survive in our mediterranean climate, one has to go to a riparian area to find other native species, or go to specific isolated parts of the county to find stands of conifers and similar species.

It could take hundreds of years to mitigate for the loss of oak trees by planting new oak trees somewhere else, and only if the trees don't get eaten or die of drought or fire first. Think about the biomass of a mature oak tree and the functions it provides versus the bio mass of one oak seedling, or even an oak tree that is a few years old. Protecting by avoiding oak tree removal is primary.

Please support a rigorous permanent protection ordinance.

Thank you,
Kim Sanders
Atascadero, CA
kimasanders@aol.com

FW: Interim Urgency Ordinance Letter from MCAS

Vicki Shelby

Mon 8/15/2016 8:46 AM

To: BOS_Legislative Assistants <BOS_Legislative-Assistants@co.slo.ca.us>; cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder <cr_board_clerk@co.slo.ca.us>;

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MCAS letterhead Oak Ordinance.doc;

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From: Douglas Tait [mailto:dougt1863@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2016 10:48 PM
To: Frank Mecham <fmecham@co.slo.ca.us>
Cc: Vicki Shelby <vshelby@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: Interim Urgency Ordinance Letter from MCAS

Dear Supervisor Mecham,

Please accept the attached letter from Morro Coast Audubon Society regarding the County's Oak Tree Ordinance item for your August 16, 2016 meeting.

Thank you,

Doug Tait
Morro Coast Audubon Society
Conservation Chair

August 14, 2016



San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors
County Government Center
Room D-430
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Re: Interim Urgency Ordinance / Permanent Oak Woodlands Protection Ordinance.

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

The Morro Coast Audubon Society, MCAS, commends the Board of Supervisors for enacting the Interim Urgency Ordinance prohibiting the clear-cutting of oak woodlands. Thank you. We also strongly encourage you to extend this all-important interim ordinance and adopt a permanent measure to protect and conserve San Luis Obispo County's invaluable public trust recognizing oak trees as a significant historical, aesthetic, and ecological resource.

San Luis Obispo County's Oak Woodland Management Plan, which was prepared by the Native Tree Committee in 2003, and which supported voluntary participation – "and shall no way be binding law on the private landowner or abridge the private property rights of a landowner", is overdue for revision as it has failed this county miserably.

It is evident that San Luis Obispo County needs a strong ordinance to prevent a similar incident like we saw at the recent clear-cut and destruction of oak woodlands west of Paso Robles. Without a strong well-written ordinance in place, we are left open to varied interpretations of County codes which are not adequate as protection measures of the County's critical and quintessential oak woodland habitat.

Balancing the goals of San Luis Obispo County's Conservation and Open Space Element with those of the County's Agricultural Element can be challenging. However, it is important to remember that when one protects oak woodlands – by default – one also protects agricultural lands. Good land stewardship does not stop at a fence line.

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Our open space land-use practices and policies impact the biological integrity of our oak woodlands, not simply the diversity. The concept of biological integrity refers to a system's wholeness, including all the necessary elements and processes. An effective oak tree ordinance should consider the well-being of oak woodlands as an ecological unit rather than that as individual trees. An oak tree alone is worthy of protection; but less so if it is in a fragmented landscape surrounded by concrete in a subdivision or wine grapes in a vineyard.

San Luis Obispo County may want to consider these features of a successful oak tree/oak woodland ordinance:

- Ordinance goals are clearly stated
- A high degree of public support
- Addresses the needs and desires of the County
- Part of a larger management strategy
- Establishes basic performance standards
- Flexibility is built into implementation
- Enforcement methods and approaches clearly stipulated and combined with rewards or incentives. ⁽¹⁾

The main goal of an effective ordinance is management – not simply regulation. Experience has shown that local tree ordinances are often developed in response to public outcry over specific perceived problems. This “band-aid” approach often leads to ordinances that are not consistent with sound management practices.

MCAS strongly urges San Luis Obispo County to craft a permanent oak woodland ordinance that is tailored to our own needs; an ordinance with a relationship to an integrated management strategy; an ordinance that acts as a means to promote oak conservation and stewardship rather than one that is seen as an end to itself. ⁽²⁾

It is clearly evident that San Luis Obispo County needs a strong permanent oak woodland ordinance in place to prevent a similar oak clear-cut from taking place in the future. The Board of Supervisors, the governing body of the County, has a duty to take the public trust into account. The management of this County's natural resources is your administrative responsibility. You should not turn that responsibility over to anyone else.

It is of critical importance to keep the County's Interim Urgency Ordinance in place while a permanent ordinance is crafted. San Luis Obispo County cannot afford to be in a position where there are no oak woodland protections in place during the time our permanent ordinance is being written.

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If this Board does not vote to extend the current Interim Urgency Ordinance, they will be inviting another natural resource disaster to take place.

Over the years, San Luis Obispo County has had numerous elected officials who have sworn to protect our open spaces and natural resources. Talk is cheap. Now is the time to take meaningful action.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas W. Tait

Douglas Tait
Morro Coast Audubon Society
Conservation Chair

Footnotes:

- (1) Oaks and Oak Woodland Ordinances. UC Cooperative Extension 2012, Dr. Doug Mc Creary.
- (2) Guidelines for Developing and Evaluating Tree Ordinances. Bernhardt and Swieki, 1991. CA Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection – Urban Forestry Program.

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For your review.
This is a District 4 constituent.
Thank you.

Blake Fixler
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-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Eister [<mailto:meister@fix.net>]

Sent: Friday, August 12, 2016 7:50 PM

To: Board of Supervisors <Boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us>

Subject: Native Tree Protection Urgency Ordinance

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I, like many of our county residents, were stunned by the destruction of thousands of ancient oak trees on the property of Justin Vineyards. This act changed the native landscape of many acres in our county. While I have respect for personal property rights and the need to utilize ones property in a cost effective way, it is incomprehensible to me that one would so blatantly destroy these beautiful old trees without consulting the county for alternative ways to practice their business and still maintain more of the natural landscape. It is evidence that we need to keep protections in place while the county staff has the opportunity to draft a permanent ordinance. I urge you to grant a one year extension to the temporary Native Tree Protection Urgency Ordinance and to provide direction on the permanent ordinance. I also ask that you amend the language of the temporary ordinance to require that the county enforce action as authorized under Title 22.

Respectfully,
Mary Eister

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Arroyo Grande

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From: SLOKIDZ [<mailto:slokidz@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2016 12:18 PM

To: Vicki Shelby <vshelby@co.slo.ca.us>

Subject: Ordinance

Extend the ordinance

And write a strong one protecting our forests, especially our oaks.

Thanks, Jacki Wms.

SLO voter

Sent from my iPhone

FW: Contact Us (response #3108) - Native Tree Ordinance

Board of Supervisors

Mon 8/15/2016 8:52 AM

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Thank you.

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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):

Please continue the emergency ordinance to protect the oak trees and environment until a permanent ordinance can be implemented. thank you

FW: Vote NO on the extension of the Native Tree Interim Zoning/Urgency Ordinance

Vicki Shelby

Mon 8/15/2016 8:53 AM

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From: Dodd [mailto:rdoddranch@earthlink.net]

Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2016 11:39 AM

To: Frank Mecham <fmecham@co.slo.ca.us>

Cc: Vicki Shelby <vshelby@co.slo.ca.us>

Subject: Vote NO on the extension of the Native Tree Interim Zoning/Urgency Ordinance

Dear Supervisor Mecham,

We are writing to ask you to please vote **NO** on the extension of the Native Tree Interim Zoning/Urgency Ordinance that prohibits the cutting or removal of oak trees on land zoned for agricultural.

Please do not take away or limit our right to farm!

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Dodd, Jr. & Nancy Dodd

Paso Robles, CA 93446

rdoddranch@earthlink.net

-----Forwarded Message-----

From: Nancy Dodd
Sent: Jul 14, 2016 3:14 PM
To: Frank Mecham
Cc: Vicki Shelby Fogelman
Subject: NO on Native Tree Interim Zoning/Urgency Ordinance

Dear Supervisor Mecham,

We sent you a letter earlier in the week asking that you please vote NO at Friday's special meeting on Native Tree Interim Zoning/Urgency Ordinance. Please help us long time local farmers/ranchers in mind when you are casting your vote on Friday. Opposing this type of urgency ordinance on our little farming/ranching operations will be a severe hardship for us.

Thank you in advance for voting NO on Friday.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond E. Dodd, Jr. "Skip" & Nancy Dodd

Paso Robles, CA 93446

rdoddranch@earthlink.net

FW: Tuesday: Tell the Supervisors the oak tree ordinance is still urgent

Board of Supervisors

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From: Zorus Colglazier [mailto:zoroose@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2016 12:41 PM
To: Board of Supervisors <Boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: Fw: Tuesday: Tell the Supervisors the oak tree ordinance is still urgent

...and I, too, SLOCoSupervisors, feel that "the oak tree ordinance is still urgent", and urge you to act in such manner. Thank you!!!!!!/s/zpc

----- Original Message -----

From: [Sierra Club - Santa Lucia Chapter](#)
To: [Sierra Club - Santa Lucia Chapter](#)
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2016 4:49 PM
Subject: Tuesday: Tell the Supervisors the oak tree ordinance is still urgent

Hi, Sierra Club e-alert subscriber -

On July 15, the Board of Supervisors passed a temporary Native Tree Protection Urgency Ordinance in the wake of the destruction of some 8,000 oaks by the owners of Justin Vineyards.

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The urgency ordinance is now about to expire and is up for extension. It is critical that Supervisors hear from you about the need to keep protections in place while County staff works on drafting a permanent ordinance. At least 4 of the 5 supervisors must vote for extension, or the current protections will lapse.

The Board will meet on Tuesday, August 16th. This is item 17 on the agenda. Please email, call or show up to speak.

Urge the Board to:

~ **implement** a one-year extension, the amount of time Planning staff have said they need to bring a permanent ordinance forward.

~ **provide** direction on the permanent ordinance, including detailed mitigation & monitoring and replanting requirements

~ **amend** the language of the ordinance, which currently reads "In the event of a violation of this Ordinance or any requirement imposed pursuant to this Ordinance, the County may, in its discretion, and in addition to all other remedies, take such enforcement action as is authorized under Title 22...", and should read instead "In the event of a violation of this Ordinance or any requirement imposed pursuant to this Ordinance, the County shall, in addition to all other remedies, take such enforcement action as is authorized under Title 22...."

Contact: BoardOfSups@co.slo.ca.us

And call your supervisor:

- Frank Mecham
- Bruce Gibson
- Adam Hill
- Lynn Compton
- Debbie Arnold

To adjust your Sierra Club email preferences, please reply to this email with a description of your wishes. Thank you.

Sierra Club

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Mon 8/15/2016 8:54 AM

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Sarah Forsythe, MD

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Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):

This is a crucial article in light of the issues loss of water table and global/local climate change. Reforestation, edible and native are integral to meeting human needs of health (cleaning water and storing it in soil/aquifer), capturing carbon, feeding and nourishing/decreasing disease in all citizens and creating happiness through beauty and connection to nature.

https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/aug/07/national-forest-woodland-midlands-regeneration?inf_contact_key=4864f99787f4e05a20af9abc1b62fce5a699df08e895a8d52fb364f42c900e5b

thank you, Sarah

How millions of trees brought a broken landscape back to life

After 25 years, the decision to site the National Forest amid derelict coal and quarry workings has borne spectacular fruit

John Vidal

Saturday 6 August 2016 19.04 EDT

Twenty-five years ago, the Midlands villages of Moira, Donisthorpe and Overseal overlooked a gruesome landscape. The communities were surrounded by opencast mines, old clay quarries, spoil heaps, derelict coal workings, polluted waterways and all the other ecological wreckage of heavy industry.

The air smelt and tasted unpleasant and the land was poisoned. There were next to no trees, not many jobs and little wildlife. Following the closure of the pits, people were deserting the area for Midlands cities such as Birmingham, Derby and Leicester. The future looked bleak.

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Today, a pastoral renaissance is taking place. Around dozens of former mining and industrial communities, in what was the broken heart of the old Midlands coalfield, a

vast, splendid forest of native oak, ash and birch trees is emerging, attracting cyclists, walkers, birdwatchers, canoeists, campers and horse-riders.

Britain's trees have come under increasing attack from exotic diseases, and the grants for planting woodland are drying up, so the 200 sq miles of the National Forest come as a welcome good news story. The new woodland in the Midlands is proving that large-scale tree planting is not just good value for money, but can also have immense social, economic and ecological benefits.

In this one corner of the Midlands, more than 8.5m trees have been planted in 25 years, hundreds of miles of footpath have been created and 500 abandoned industrial sites have been transformed. The landscape and ecology of semi-derelict Britain has been revived and rewilded with trees.

"I came here from Staffordshire 62 years ago," says Graham Knight, a former coalface engineer who lives near Moira and now works for a retraining charity. "It was clay pits, quarries, coal mines, chimneys, sewer pipes, and kilns then. It was very unhealthy, pretty grim. It was a hard life and it toughened people up. The area went into steep decline when the industry closed and almost everything disappeared. It has changed from a wasteland to an environment that we envied.

"People love trees. They like to see forests and woods. In those days you would go to a place like this for holidays. People are moving in and communities are growing."

Many of the young trees in the National Forest are little more than whips because hundreds of hectares are being planted every year as more derelict sites are taken over. But the trees that were dug in 25 years ago now stand 30ft tall and need to be thinned.

Along with the maturing trees have come buzzards and red kites, skylarks, butterflies, otters, bats and owls.

As the trees continue to grow, insects, small mammals and flora will come too, says John Everitt, director of the not-for-profit National Forest company, which has taken over many of the area's old industrial workings and also advises landowners and farmers about switching from low-grade farmland to forest and woodland.

"This is one of the largest landscape transformations in the United Kingdom, the first major forest to have been planted in England for 1,000 years. We have taken a black hole and given it a new lease of life; given people a new landscape they can identify with. We can say that air pollution is better, the rivers are cleaner, the water is being retained better and soil is being better conserved.

"We are a typical piece of Middle England," he adds. "This is not closed canopy, wall-to-wall forest, but forest in the medieval sense with a mosaic of habitats, of trees, open grassland, pastures, and communities. We are roughly half way there. We have planted about 8.5m trees and we expect to plant 16-17m."

The idea of recreating a new national forest was born in the old Countryside Commission in the late 1980s and was backed first by Tory politicians such as Michael Heseltine and John Gummer and then by Labour ministers, including Michael Meacher, says the National Forest's director of operations, Simon Evans.

"The first trees were planted in 1991 when the ambition was for 33% of the 200 sq miles to be forested from a starting point of 6- 7%. The idea was to take an area that had very few trees and bring it up to the level of somewhere like Surrey. There were remnants of ancient forest but at the core there were no trees at all," he says.

This pioneering regeneration experiment has had a low profile and has gone largely unnoticed by environment groups, possibly because it has cost so little and, for many years while the trees were so small, there was very little to see.

Only £60m of public money has been spent in the first 25 years and most of that has come from European Union farm subsidies which would have gone to landowners anyway.

Everitt says: "£60m is the equivalent of just two miles of three-lane motorway, or one mile of HS2 [rail link]. It is peanuts, incredible value for money." He argues that the forest has already attracted nearly £1bn of inward investment, created many hundreds of jobs, stimulated house prices in the area and led directly to hundreds of new tourism, leisure and wood-based businesses starting up.

"It is one of the very few long-term projects for which a government had a vision and that successive ones have followed through and supported. It's very hard to argue against it. Why would you not do this? It has cost just £2.5m a year and brings in so many benefits in health and economics. It shows that the principle of using the environment and trees to regenerate a place and stimulate growth can work anywhere."

Conservationists and regeneration experts now claim that the National Forest is absolute proof that tree planting on a large scale can increase wealth, change the identity of a place and pay for itself hundreds of times over.

A second major new forest has now been proposed for elsewhere in Britain, possibly south Wales or a rural area of northern England.

"People understand the economic and aesthetic benefits of trees," says Everitt. "They are very popular. They can be a backcloth to many other activities. People prefer a wooded landscape. I do not understand why the idea is not used more. I think politicians may not be environmentally literate.

"There was an active demand by local people for the forest to come here. It did not need to be imposed on people, but it took some time before the farmers embraced the idea fully," he says. "All the surveys done in the past 20 years suggest that the transformation of the landscape has been popular, giving communities a new sense of place and identity."

The challenge is to ensure that the flourishing of the National Forest is not an isolated success. Elsewhere, Britain's tree planting is grinding to a halt. Figures last month from the Forestry Commission showed that only 700 hectares of new woodland was planted last year, instead of a goal of 5,000. Woodland areas damaged by storms and other extreme weather are not being replaced and ancient woodland is under threat from infrastructure projects such as the high-speed train line HS2 and airport expansions.

Grant schemes have been cut and those that still exist are said to be confusing, and hard to access.

"We have to present tree planting as a solution; people have to understand that it is a good thing to plant trees," says Andrew Heald, technical director of forest industry body ConFor (Confederation of Forest Industries).

Government committed last year to the planting of 11m trees by 2020, but Britain is likely to remain near the bottom of the European league table for tree cover, with around 13%. In addition, Britain's forests are threatened with devastation by tree diseases. Recent academic analysis has warned that all the ash trees in the UK and across Europe are likely to be wiped out by a "double whammy" of a bright green borer beetle and the fungus that causes ash dieback.

"Between ash dieback and the emerald ash borer, it is likely that almost all ash trees in Europe will be wiped out, just as the elm was largely eliminated by Dutch elm disease," said Peter Thomas, a tree ecologist at Keele University whose analysis was published in March's *Journal of Ecology*.

The same problems face the National Forest, says Everitt. "There are grants available for tree planting, but they are not that attractive now. Good woodland schemes are not available now.

"But the National Forest is protected because it has so many species. Last year, we had our cases of dieback and it is now spreading quite rapidly; 15-20% of the trees that have been planted are probably ash. Many of them will be replaced naturally. But there may not be huge die-off here because we are thinning around 20% of the trees. We must understand that this forest is not just about its trees. Trees are important, of course, but they are the setting for everything else."

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Mon 8/15/2016 8:54 AM

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Vicki M. (Shelby) Fogleman
Legislative Assistant for
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Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2016 10:04 AM

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place to help us all make better decisions, persons such as yourself are in a position to rein us in where we fall short. I am asking the County Supervisors to do just that, now. Please extend the emergency ordinance.

Thank you,

Diana Singleton

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FW: Urgency Ordinance

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Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2016 8:23 PM

To: Vicki Shelby <vshelby@co.slo.ca.us>

Subject: Urgency Ordinance

Dear Ms. Fogleman,

I hope you will work to save our remaining oak trees by extending the urgency ordinance for a year while a permanent ordinance is being drafted. The oaks are an essential keystone species in our area, and I am aghast at the clear-cutting of these trees that has occurred.

Thank you for your attention.

-Jacqueline Knowlton

FW: OAKS

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From: Janet Swanson [mailto:jannyj@earthlink.net]
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2016 7:56 PM
To: Bruce Gibson <bgibson@co.slo.ca.us>; Adam Hill <ahill@co.slo.ca.us>; Lynn Compton <lcompton@co.slo.ca.us>; Frank Mecham <fmecham@co.slo.ca.us>; Vicki Shelby <vshelby@co.slo.ca.us>; Cherie McKee <cmckee@co.slo.ca.us>; Jocelyn Brennan <jbrennan@co.slo.ca.us>; Jennifer Caffee <jcaffee@co.slo.ca.us>; Debbie Arnold <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>; Hannah Miller <hmiller@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: OAKS

Dear Supervisors

We were appalled when we learned of the horrible clear cutting of oaks by Justin Vineyards. The only good thing that may come of this is the opportunity to create an ordinance where this sort of thing cannot happen again. Thank goodness there are many responsible people in this county that care about stewarding the land we all enjoy.

Please extend the urgency ordinance for a year while a permanent ordinance is being drafted.

Janet Swanson and Steve Sumii

Los Osos, CA

FW: Contact Us (response #3110) - Native Tree Ordinance

Board of Supervisors

Mon 8/15/2016 8:56 AM

To: BOS_Legislative Assistants <BOS_Legislative-Assistants@co.slo.ca.us>; cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder <cr_board_clerk@co.slo.ca.us>;

For your review.
This is a District 5 constituent.
Thank you.

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Telephone Number:

Email address:

Ajking78@aol.com

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):

Please Debbie Arnold choose the extend the ordinance and stand up for what is right regarding the clear cutting of the oak trees by Justin wine company, owned by Stuart and lynda Resnick who hive no regard or respect for the central coast. They are like wloves in sheep's clothing and San Luis Obispo County should protect itself against corporate ruthlessness that will impact our children I grew up here and was born and raised and I can not support you as a supervisor if you do not support my county. It should be in your best interest to pick and choose your battles, and if you protect the central coast's unique character, you will heroic in doing so even if you don't think so now, someday you will be applauded by making the right decision. It may just be this one time you have to do it to set the standard, and preserve what is great in the county that you have cHose to serve, and that you reside in. I am begging that the ordinance gets extended, please do what is right

FW: Contact Us (response #3112) - Native Tree & Ag Ponds Ordinance

Board of Supervisors

Mon 8/15/2016 8:58 AM

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Telephone Number:

Email address:

sdc9111@sbcglobal.net

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):

I am writing in regards to ordinances 3325 and 3326; both ordinances should be extended. We have a real problem in this county of destruction and environmental damage going on. We need strong laws and enforcement to prevent this activity from occurring. Agricultural demand for water and natural resources needs to be balanced and regulated so as not to deprive citizens of their standards and quality of life.

We also, have our rights to a strong and stable environment.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

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Vicki Shelby

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Thank you,

Diana Singleton

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FW: Oak Tree Ordinance

Jennifer Caffee

Mon 8/15/2016 9:25 AM

To: BOS_Legislative Assistants <BOS_Legislative-Assistants@co.slo.ca.us>; cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder <cr_board_clerk@co.slo.ca.us>;

Jennifer Caffee

Legislative Assistant

5th District Supervisor Debbie Arnold

San Luis Obispo County

From: Kelli Silzer [mailto:jksilzer@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, August 12, 2016 3:23 PM

To: BOS_District 5_Web Contact <district5@co.slo.ca.us>

Subject: Oak Tree Ordinance

Debbie Arnold,

I know that the vote on the extension of the emergency oak tree ordinance is coming up. I must say, and I told you so after the last meeting that I truly admired your courage and the way you stood up to the other supervisors and audience at that meeting. Please continue to be brave, do the right thing and vote no on the extension and any other permanent tree ordinance further. It is so burdensome to the landowner and control of property owner's private investment is being taken away by this ordinance. I cannot believe that the government can do a better job of managing someone's land than the landowner, businessman, rancher or farmer. Even the small land owner is being hurt by the cookie cutter policies set forth in this ordinance. Personally, I have eight acres that are covered 100% in second growth, unhealthy oak trees. This cookie cutter approach devalues my land and puts my family in danger. Are you going to make up the two hundred thousand dollars or so lost on my property value due to this ordinance?

The approach that has been presented devalues most properties and puts our community in danger. We are not Santa Barbara county. Our split of residential, open space, ranch and farm land is very different than theirs. We should in no way model our ordinance after theirs. If there has to be an ordinance then it should not be cookie cutter but something that is managed by the county. And I know that there is no way that you can do this efficiently. Please allow me and many others to use their property to its fullest potential and best use.

In closing, I do believe that our Farm Bureau has done a horrible job of getting our ranchers and farmers out for this cause. It simply appears to me that a mere few in the organization are imposing

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their own personal and separate agendas on us, but at this time they are the most powerful in the organization. If you would like I will rally some troops. They are out there. Really, there is less support for this ordinance than most would like to believe.

I can send people your way,
Kelli Silzer

FW: Vote NO on the extention of the Native Tree Zoning/Urgency Ordinance

Jennifer Caffee

Mon 8/15/2016 9:27 AM

To: BOS_Legislative Assistants <BOS_Legislative-Assistants@co.slo.ca.us>; cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder <cr_board_clerk@co.slo.ca.us>;

Jennifer Caffee

Legislative Assistant

5th District Supervisor Debbie Arnold

San Luis Obispo County

From: Dodd [mailto:rdoddranch@earthlink.net]

Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2016 11:44 AM

To: Debbie Arnold <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>

Cc: Jennifer Caffee <jcaffee@co.slo.ca.us>

Subject: Vote NO on the extention of the Native Tree Zoning/Urgency Ordinance

Dear Supervisor Arnold,

We are writing to ask you to please vote **NO** on the extension of the Native Tree Interim Zoning/Urgency Ordinance that prohibits the cutting or removal of oak trees on land zoned for agricultural.

Please do not take away or limit our right to farm!

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Dodd, Jr. & Nancy Dodd

Paso Robles, CA 93446

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From: Nancy Dodd

Sent: Jul 13, 2016 1:30 PM

To: darnold@co.slo.ca.us

Cc: jcaffee@co.slo.ca.us

Subject: NO on Native Tree Zoning/Urgency Ordinance

Dear Supervisor Arnold,

It is of great concern to us that you are proposing at your meeting on July 15, 2016 a Native Tree Interim Zoning/Urgency Ordinance and an Agricultural Pond and Reservoir Interim Zoning/Urgency Ordinance for those areas that are within the county jurisdiction that will prohibit the removal of oak trees for agricultural use. Such a regulation would be a severe hardship for us.

We have 520 acres of property located in Adelaida that has been in our family since the 1870's. Five generations of our family that has dry farmed (zero irrigation) and ranched this property has responsibly removed oak trees for our agricultural use, dry farming, grazeland and firewood resources. We are proud of how our property has been managed and the resources that we have developed from our land use. Our intent is to continue on with our family owned and operated agriculture operation for generations to come. If we can't continue on with our plan to responsibly clear oak trees, as our family has done for years, for grazeland, dry farm crops and firewood we will not be able to afford to own our land much less pay our taxes and will be forced to sell the land we love and cherish as our heritage. We hear out in the community that we don't want Paso Robles to turn into the next Napa, forcing families that have been in Adelaida for generations out of production to where we have to sell out to corporations will be only contribute to that fear. Having to run down to the county office on a regular basis to ask for permission to remove oak trees, wait for reviews, studies, pay fees, etc on the agricultural land we own and pay taxes on does not fit into our farming ranching operation plan. Our land is zoned agricultural and proposing such an ordinance upon us is a huge shut down of our property and a severe hardship for us.

It is very disappointing to us that some of the folks that have fought for this urgency ordinance are neighbors of ours who have cleared their land of oak trees or someone before them cleared their land of oak trees, but that is okay because it is them and their land. So now, as responsible land owners, we are the ones who have to pay the price for the sins of the past. Hypocrisy among many of these folks is unbelievable. Known for a fact that some of these landowners have raped their land of oak trees, but now want urgency ordinances opposed upon those that have responsibly managed their land because they are out "to get the Resnick's/Justin Winery". This is largely a Resnick/Justin Winery problem. Most landowners, like ourselves, are acting responsibly on our woodlands. An oak tree regulation on our agricultural land is a severe hardship for us.

We are familiar with the Voluntary Oaks Management Plan and the Land Use Ordinance regulations regarding Agricultural grading and believe these voluntary practices should not be modified. We are not in agreement with the urgency ordinance that may stop tree removal, grading and other plans on a broad scale of actions until a permanent ordinance is proposed. Such a regulation would in effect be rezoning our land from agricultural purposes which would impose a severe hardship for us.

We urge you to carefully consider the implementation of an Urgency Ordinance that prohibits the cutting or removal of oak trees on land zoned for agricultural. If the county does prohibit us from using our land for agricultural purposes then we suggest the assessment should be substantially lowered to reflect the reduced value of our land. Imposing such an Urgency Ordinance on us and our property rights is in fact a severe hardship.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond E. Dodd, Jr. & Nancy Dodd

Paso Robles, CA 93446

rdoddranch@earthlink.net

FW: BoS hearing, August 16, 2016, Item 17, Native Tree Interim Zoning Urgency Ordinance Extension

Blake Fixler

Mon 8/15/2016 9:36 AM

To: cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder <cr_board_clerk@co.slo.ca.us>;

From: Sue Luft [mailto:luftsue@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2016 6:11 PM

To: Lynn Compton <lcompton@co.slo.ca.us>; Debbie Arnold <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>; Bruce Gibson <bgibson@co.slo.ca.us>; Adam Hill <ahill@co.slo.ca.us>; Frank Mecham <fmecham@co.slo.ca.us>

Cc: Micki Olinger <molinger@co.slo.ca.us>; Blake Fixler <bfixler@co.slo.ca.us>

Subject: BoS hearing, August 16, 2016, Item 17, Native Tree Interim Zoning Urgency Ordinance Extension

Chair Compton
Supervisor Arnold
Supervisor Gibson
Supervisor Hill
Supervisor Mecham

Supervisors,

We ask that you approve the extension of the urgency ordinance as provided in your staff report. This extension needs to be in place long enough to allow for development and adoption of a permanent ordinance, including time for review by the Planning Commission. Also, please provide guidance to staff regarding a permanent ordinance which will truly protect the native trees in SLO County.

Thank you.

Karl and Sue Luft
Rural El Pomar

FW: Urgency Ordinance

Hannah Miller

Mon 8/15/2016 10:04 AM

To: BOS_Legislative Assistants <BOS_Legislative-Assistants@co.slo.ca.us>; cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder <cr_board_clerk@co.slo.ca.us>;

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From: Jacqueline Knowlton [<mailto:jacquelineknowlton@me.com>]

Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2016 8:27 PM

To: Hannah Miller <hmiller@co.slo.ca.us>

Subject: Urgency Ordinance

Dear Ms. Miller,

I fervently hope that you will work to save our remaining oak trees by extending the urgency ordinance for a year while a permanent ordinance is being drafted. The oaks are an essential keystone species in our area, and I am aghast at the clear-cutting of these trees that has occurred.

Thank you for your attention.

-Jacqueline Knowlton

FW: Extend Urgency Ordinance

Vicki Shelby

Mon 8/15/2016 10:05 AM

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From: K. Reka Badger [mailto:badgerwerx@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 9:53 AM

To: Vicki Shelby <vshelby@co.slo.ca.us>

Subject: Extend Urgency Ordinance

Dear Ms.Fogleman,

Please support the continued health of our native oak trees by extending Urgency Ordinance No. 3325 for at least a year, while a permanent ordinance is being drafted.

Thank you,

Kathryn Badger

K. Reka Badger

badgerwerx@gmail.com

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K. Reka Badger

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From: Rodney Stine [mailto:rodney@oshareview.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 12:29 PM
To: Frank Mecham <fmecham@co.slo.ca.us>
Cc: Vicki Shelby <vshelby@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: Oak Tree Ordinance

Dear Supervisor Mecham:

First I want you to know that I have never considered nor would consider "clear cutting" of native oaks on our 40 acres. I left the oaks over our agricultural out-building even after they caused over \$30,000 of damage. They were only severely pruned to prevent further damage. (attached photo).

The recently emergency adopted ordinance for to prohibit "clear cutting" or removal of Native Oaks and proposed adoption of it as a long term ordinance will be an economic hardship for us. I urge you to vote against the adoption of this draconian ordinance for the following reasons:

1. The ordinance in effect re-zone our property from Agriculture to ? if we cannot economically farm the land. Re-zoning of property should be done through the re-zoning process and not by a tree protection ordinance.

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2. We purchased our property because it was zone for agriculture and we planned to plant either olives or grapes to offset our property tax of over \$14,000 upon our retirement. Without income from our farm, we may be forced to sell in retirement.
3. People who have have already “clear cut” their property will have an unfair economical advantage over property owners like ourselves.
4. We bought the property based upon the promise that the county had zoned it for agriculture and the Native Oaks ordinance prohibits us from using for that purpose.

While I support the protection of old growth oak trees, our oaks are second and third growth trees as evident by the multiple trunks; most consisting of 4 or more trunks. The exception are the oaks by our agricultural out-buildings which as stated above I am keeping as mature trees. As I understand, the motivation behind the proposed ordinance was the wanton “clear cutting” of hundred of acres of oaks by the Justin Winery. I don’t believe it is fair that we, small property owners, should suffer economic hardship because callous action of a billionaire.

Again, I believe this ordinance if adopted long term or permanently will create un-due economic hardship for us and other relative small property owners who wish to farm their property as it is zoned for agriculture.

Sincerely,

Rodney M. Stine

[Redacted signature]



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San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Board Members;

Morro Coast Audubon Society is writing to urge you to enact a permanent ordinance protecting the oak woodlands and native trees of the unincorporated areas of San Luis Obispo County. Our mission is to promote the appreciation, conservation, and restoration of ecosystems, focusing on the biological diversity of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats, particularly in San Luis Obispo County, California. We are composed of volunteers devoting time, energy, and resources to enjoying and protecting the environment through conservation, research, education, expansion, and diversity.

As stated in Section 1, paragraph C of the interim zone/urgency ordinance, "Native trees are an essential component to the fabric of the State of California for its people, environment, and economic well-being. Our heritage and our legacy are indivisibly linked with native trees, their majestic beauty, unique community character and life-giving benefits. Native trees provide habitat for wildlife and other plant species, help clean the air, stabilize the soil, and add value to real property".

Also, as stated in Section 1, paragraph G, "Without a specific County ordinance, Native Trees and Oak Woodlands are likely to continue to be Clear-cut or removed, depriving the County of its critical and quintessential habitat."

Since there is currently no ordinance addressing Oak Woodland clear-cutting in unincorporated areas of the County, the County could not address the recent clear-cutting of 100 acres done at Justin Vineyards and could only cite the Wonderful Company for grading violations.

This is a clear, real world example demonstrating the immediate need of a permanent ordinance.

We ask you to join the cities of San Luis Obispo, Paso Robles, Atascadero, and Arroyo Grande to enact an ordinance protecting native trees and providing standards and procedures for their removal in development and land use activities in unincorporated areas of San Luis Obispo County.

Sincerely,

Dave Tyra, President