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Subject: Oak and pond ordinance.

Dear Supervisor Arnold,

Thanks for taking a moment to read my note about the oak and pond ordinance issue which is before you. I could go on and on and on about this topic but I know you don't have time to read it and I am strapped for the time to write it. But suffice it to say, this topic is very important to me. I believe it is the first time I have ever written the B.O.S. about anything.

I know you are hesitant to support the two urgency ordinances. I know people have been writing eloquent letters about why they need to be continued to be supported. I am not that eloquent. But I do hope you will be able to see why they should be continued. I think it is telling that there are agriculturists and business people in support of these ordinances this time. It is NOT just environmentalists and "do-gooders." Many of the people that have been glad to get by with self-policing and good stewardship of the land on their own, as neighbors and good landowners, are realizing that times are changing as bigger players are moving in with no connection to our county other than the profits it will bring them. I WISH we could still operate the old way. I love the fact that landowners in this county have mostly acted like good neighbors and watched out for their community while taking care of their own interests. That is the way it should be. But, we have now seen that this is too easy to take advantage of by people that aren't good neighbors.

I think most of the people that want to see these ordinances reversed are people that either don't think there is an actual threat, think it will always be the way it has been, think that the ordinance is more onerous than it actually is and think it is just driven by environmentalists that want to stop them from being able to do anything on their property. I wish those people could have sat down with the actual landowners and farmers and ranchers that are for the protection, that would never allow something to go through that stops them from using their land as needed (but in a responsible way) so they could see this isn't a threat but actually, in the long run, a way to help protect their way of life. I don't think most landowners in the county would be happy to have a mega-company move in next to them and drill a 1000 foot well, fill a 60 million gallon pond and drain their own water supply. Just because it hasn't happened to them yet doesn't mean that it won't and I hope they can see this.

I think it is clear that far more people support this protection at this time than don't. I think it is telling that this time, many actual landowners and farmers and business people support it as opposed to the past. The emergency ordinances were well-thought out to be workable for people to still do what they need to do. The permanent ordinances can be even better with more of the concerned parties involved sharing their ideas on how to allow landowners how to work their land responsibly without bad players being allowed to exploit our county. I know you HAVE to see that it is a real issue and will only get worse if we aren't careful. We need to keep the emergency ordinances in place to give us time to craft something perfect that represents who we are in San Luis Obispo County and who we are going to be in the future. If we let the emergency ordinances lapse, I am afraid it will be a land rush for the people that want to cut trees, dig ponds, strip the land and change the way of life in the county just in the name of profit. I don't want us to have to rush permanent ordinances. I want them to be as close to perfect as possible. We need time to make that happen.

This county is my favorite place in the world. The people here are great. The surroundings are beautiful. I am a firm believer in people in this county having a right to thrive. I think conscientious and reasonable protection of the surroundings will help all people that live here continue to thrive under the best conditions.

I said this would be short. I also said I can go on and on about it. Sorry. It just got flowing. Passion will do that.

I do want you to know, briefly, where I am coming from. Grew up on a ranch/farm. Been working part time at a winery with a responsible land steward as an owner for a few years and also full-time in radio. Believe in property rights but believe in being a good neighbor and doing the "right" thing as well. Care about the environment but realize work has to be done and sometimes a tree has to fall or an animal has to be displaced. Keeping that background in mind, I KNOW that we can come up with the right solution for the majority, the vast majority, of the county. We just need time to do it. And these emergency ordinances are good, fair temporary solutions until we can get something even better and permanent in place.

Thanks you SO much for your time.

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Subject: Extending Urgency Ordinance No. 3325 and Urgency Ordinance No. 3326

Dear Supervisors,

I urge you to support extending both urgency ordinances for at least 6 months to give all stakeholders time to weigh in on the language for permanent ordinances that protect the environment and our precious resources. Letting the urgency ordinances expire would invite more devastation like that seen off of Willow Creek-- extending them until a permanent ordinance is in place is essential.

There's widespread agreement that the permanent ordinances need to enable responsible landowners to continue their successful management practices. It's also painfully clear that the Voluntary Oak Woodlands Management Plan is no longer sufficient. A lack of action would have serious negative consequences that could forever alter the the very landscape of our community.

Please vote to extend urgency ordinances 3325 and 3326 tomorrow.

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