

Dragon Spring Farm

Mike & Carol Broadhurst, Owners

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Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District
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Dear Laura,

Please accept this letter as my application for the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD Board of Directions. As a visitor, I was impressed with the discussion at the board meeting last Thursday. The board members I met seemed to share many of my views, and I think I would fit in and complement the skills the other members bring. Also, I found the subjects discussed important and thought the conclusions reached reasonable.

My qualifications are:

1. I am very concerned about the impacts of emerging regulations on the local farming community and have been active in following and commenting on the Regional Water Quality Boards agricultural order to replace the existing ag waiver since the first draft appeared in 2008. My overriding worry is that special interest regulation could drive farming – and, particularly small farming – from San Luis Obispo County.
2. I grew up on a Kansas farm, worked in agricultural R&D for not quite 30 years. I've been farming in SLO County since 2001. My work experience exposed me to the larger context of agriculture, e.g. large-scale agricultural interests and regulation. During my employment I served on the board of directors for Zeneca Ag Products, a billion dollar company.
3. I have been active in the local community: Farm Bureau Director for four years, North County Farmers Market Board for four years, the County's Water Resources Advisory Committee for five years, and the CDFA's Certified Farmers Market Advisory Committee.
4. I will work diligently to help the other RCS board members develop its mission of preserving the county's soil and water resources.

My single concern is that my wife and I still farm fulltime, so I will have a hard time making a lot of daytime events. I am normally available in the evenings.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Broadhurst

Emailed to US