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San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors
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RE: Comments for October 4, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting – Agenda Item 23

Dear Supervisors:

On behalf of San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau, I write today regarding Item 23 on your October 4, 2022 agenda, “Request to 1) receive and file a report on Department of Planning and Building Activities and provide staff direction as necessary on the Department Tiered Priority Projects; and 2) receive and file the Annual General Plan Progress Report. All Districts,” particularly regarding work on the Rural Camping Ordinance.

We appreciate the serious staffing and workload issues the County Planning and Building Department is experiencing. We hope Rural Camping will be a Tier I priority and that work will begin on this issue in 2023. We disagree that adoption of the Rural Camping Ordinance constitutes a “project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 21000, et seq.) (“CEQA”) and therefore requires some level of environmental review under CEQA.

As listed in our July 12, 2022 letter to you, we do have specific suggested changes to earlier draft proposals of the Ordinance to ensure compatibility with farmers, ranchers and rural property owners. We support efforts to allow private land camping in our county. Farm Bureau believes this new ordinance can be structured in a balanced way to bring in additional revenue from tourism while respecting neighbors and agriculture production activities.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Brent Burchett, Executive Director
San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau