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San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors 1055 Monterey Street Suite D430 San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 By email to: ad_Board_clerk@co.slo.ca.us

Re: October 19, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting – Agenda Item 30

Supervisors:

San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau submits these comments on Agenda Item 30. We support Sentinel Peak Resources' installation of the final 31 oil wells in the Arroyo Grande Oilfield, the "Phase IV" project. We ask that you deny the appeal made by the Center for Biological Diversity of the Planning Commission's approval of this project.

This project has already gone through an extensive environmental review process, and has the potential to provide much needed supplemental water to the Edna Valley region. Sentinel Peak Resources has worked closely with area farmers on plans to move the discharge point for its treated water from the Phase IV project up West Corral de Piedra to up near the Righetti dam east of Orcutt Road.

The SLO Valley Basin, which includes the Edna Valley region, has an estimated groundwater overdraft of 1,100 acre-feet per year. Stakeholders estimate this project could provide 500 acre-feet per year of additional water to alleviate the current overdraft.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brent Burchett, Executive Director

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