

January 26, 2010

Supervisors
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors
County Government Center
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Re: Grading Ordinance

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing today to express my concern about including Agricultural Grading in the Grading and Storm Water Management Ordinance. Please separate agriculture from the proposed ordinance.

There is no mandate from the State to make these major changes. Routine agricultural field work is not development – it is the production of food and fiber for families and communities.

It would be better to work with agriculture to address the actual grading issues as opposed to creating a whole new series of requirements. A healthy agriculture is a major contributor to our quality of life and the key to success for the local economy.

Sincerely,

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As a landowner, I am concerned with the inclusion of agricultural grading in the Grading and Storm Water Management Ordinance. There is no mandate from the State to make this major ordinance change.

Routine agricultural field work is not development – it is the production of food and fiber for families and communities.

This ordinance is premature because the underlying policies in the Conservation and Open Space Element have not been approved and the analysis of impacts to agriculture is insufficient.

This ordinance will seriously affect all of us who are properly managing our land. Enforcement of the current ordinance is the key to addressing property owners who have been irresponsible or who are developing their property under the guise of agriculture.

We support the County's current methods of working cooperatively with landowners to prevent or correct erosion problems. Please continue to support a healthy agricultural industry by removing agricultural grading from the Grading and Storm Water Management Ordinance.

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As an agricultural producer, I am concerned with the inclusion of agricultural grading in the Grading and Storm Water Management Ordinance. There is no mandate from the State to make this major ordinance change.

Our normal agricultural practices are not development – we produce food and fiber.

As farmers and ranchers we need the flexibility to change, delay, discontinue operations or begin new production as the market fluctuates. The ordinance discourages new cultivation in this highly productive agricultural county at a time when other areas are losing vital agricultural lands to urban development.

Please continue to support a healthy agricultural industry by removing agricultural grading from the Grading and Storm Water Management Ordinance.

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