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Subject: SWRCB GRAP Resolution



Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SWRCB Resolution discontinuing discussion on a statewide GRAP

Dear State Water Resources Control Board:

The San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau supports discontinuing discussions by the SWRCB regarding a statewide GRAP. We agree with Whereas #3 that the Regional Water Quality Control Boards can better understand the "unique hydrology, topography, climate and land use in each region" making the Regional Boards better qualified address grazing in each region.

Our Farm Bureau appreciates the fact that the State Board held the public listening sessions and heard our message. We believe that non-regulatory best management practices are being implemented by many ranchers at this time and will continue to be a major part of ranching practices. In Region 3 over 400 ranchers, involving over 1 million acres of rangeland, have participated in the Cooperative Extension ranch water quality short courses since 1995 developing management plans. The Region 3 Water Board was a participant in this program and we hope that this is the course of action that will continue into the future.

Again, we support the resolution and hope that the State Water Resources Control Board will allow the Regional Water Boards to work collaboratively with the farmers and ranchers throughout the state.

Sincerely,

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