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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resource Control Board
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RE: GRAP

The Tuolumne County Farm Bureau supports the board's draft decision to discontinue statewide discussions in regards to water quality impacts from livestock grazing. California is too large and diverse to have a "one size fits all" policy that would address livestock grazing's impacts on water quality. Having attended one of the public forums, it was clear that the majority of the comments were against the creation of a statewide program.

There are nine regional boards that are tasked with diverse landscapes and industries. Each board knows the challenges of their districts and how to best mitigate and monitor situations when they are needed. BMP's have proven to be an effective tool for both producers and the environment. These decisions should remain as local as possible to allow both producers and the board flexibility to handle individual situations in the most effective manner possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this manner and thank you for the decision to discontinue statewide discussions in regards to water quality impacts from livestock grazing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shaun Crook".

Shaun Crook
President
Tuolumne County Farm Bureau