



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Memorandum

To: Santa Barbara County Planning Commission

From: Agricultural Advisory Committee

Date: May 12, 2009

Re: Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan (Agenda Item X)

On May 6, 2009, Long Range Planning staff presented the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for review and possible recommendations to the Planning Commission. During that meeting the Committee voted unanimously to make the following recommendations:

1. Reduce the Santa Ynez Community Plan boundary so that it is co-terminus with the existing rural boundary line.
2. Within the rural boundary line, there should be no conversion of existing lots to Ag-II zoning.
3. Sites within the rural boundary line that are identified in the Downzone Alternative should be studied for their agricultural potential before rezoning is determined.
4. Study the appropriateness of retaining existing AG-II lots within the rural boundary line.