

June 20, 2016

To Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am Carol Bury and one of the owners of Salisbury Canyon Ranch. We are located at Bell and Foothill Roads in New Cuyama. I am writing in regard to your Meeting scheduled for June 21, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. If these items are pertinent in this venue I would like them discussed.

My interest lies with a change of local agriculture practice. For over a year we have seen a couple acres or more of 'imported' open manure storage in this vicinity. The prevailing winds in Cuyama are north to south. Our ranch lies south of this storage area. What has been a pristine ranch now experiences the smell of manure and an increase of flies. Getting out of our cars to unlock the gate will be followed by a number of flies entering the car. We purposefully chose not to buy south of the existing Cuyama dairy for this very reason. We do understand the *temporary* smell associated with a crop being fertilized with the manure on a specific occasion and our ranch being a cattle ranch. I don't know what you can do about this, but I would like this to be considered in your meetings.

Another item of interest is with the increase of large agribusiness there follows an increase of "industrial lighting". I am writing in regard to the powerful unshaded night lights recently installed in this valley.

We understand the need to illuminate agricultural operations at night. However, the lights shine not only on the work areas, but they also shine intensely on the neighbors (who may be within a mile away) and on the air space above the farms.

We are protective of Cuyama's uniquely dark night skies. The star filled nocturnal views here are an important part of our rural ambiance. Furthermore, our valley is one of the few regions in Southern California that is relatively free of light pollution and one of the few remaining places where one can observe astronomical phenomena.

We would be grateful if you would consider ideas for shielding existing lighting or using directional fixtures. I am sure the industry must have some sensitivity about this matter and a provision or solution for dealing with this impact. Duncan Farms has worked with us in the past by moving their lighting.

A third issue I feel must be considered is the prevalence of Valley Fever. It is very common in Cuyama and has led to deaths in the area. The plowing of fields closely surrounding the town should be up for intense discussion. I feel there should be a set designated unplowed distance surrounding the town. The town was established long before the agribusiness developed in this area.

To recap, please address the topics of: 1) Manure piles – where they have never existed in the past; 2) Night lighting; and lastly but importantly, 3) the area/distance plowing should occur around a town.

Thank you,

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