



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 6, 2014

Mr. Steve Lavagnino, Chair
County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors
123 East Anapamu Street
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Sent via email to dvillalo@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

RE: Santa Barbara County Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 4-STB-13-0211-1-Part A
(Agricultural Buffer Regulation)

Dear Chair Lavagnino and Members of the Board:

On September 5, 2014, the Santa Barbara County Agricultural Advisory Committee discussed the proposed Santa Barbara County Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 4-STB-13-0211-1-Part A (Agricultural Buffer Regulation). On a unanimous vote, the Agricultural Advisory Committee is opposed to the Coastal Commission's proposed modification to the County Agricultural Buffer Ordinance, to the extent that such modification would allow trails, bicycle paths, walking paths and other public passive recreation uses within agricultural buffers. This objection is based on a concern that allowing the public into an agricultural buffer zone defeats the essential purpose of an agricultural buffer.

We urge you to reject this proposed modification.

Sincerely,


Paul Van Leer, Chair

Committee Members

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