

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 91-542
)	CASE NOS.
AGRICULTURAL ELEMENT)	81-GP-3,
)	88-FEIR-17
IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES)	
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WITH REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING:

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has approved the Agricultural Element Project (81-GP-3, 86-OA-21 & 22, 88-FEIR-17) after duly noticed public hearings.

WHEREAS, the Final Environmental Impact Report (88-FEIR-17) identified mitigation measures in order to substantially lessen potential significant impacts or to reduce impacts to a level of insignificance.

WHEREAS, certain mitigations adopted as part of the project require future actions and studies in the form of Implementation Measures;

NOW, THEREFORE the Board of Supervisors hereby resolves as follows:

1. The above recitations are true and correct,
2. To adopt the following implementation measures:

AGRICULTURAL ELEMENT
IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES
(81-GP-3, 86-OA-21 & 22)
(88-FEIR-17)

1. Recreational Trails

It is recommended that the Recreation portion of the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan be updated. As part of that update, a trails acquisition program should be prepared. This program should determine the priority of the trails in the County based on the need for access into the Los Padres National Forest. The program should include acquisition options and a possible schedule for acquisition and ultimate opening of the trail. Impacts on agricultural lands would be analyzed in the course of preparing this program, and mitigation measures would be recommended. Where trails would necessarily cross productive agricultural lands, mitigating measures would be required to void conflicts.

2. Water Conservation

1) The County shall attempt to work with the Resource Conservation Districts (RCD's) and appropriate water districts in developing water conservation plans. The County should, in concert with the RCD's, request that the Soil Conservation Service conduct a study to determine

effective measures. Such plans should include water use evaluation programs and other specific measures for achieving irrigation efficiency.

2) The County shall encourage voluntary and appropriate water conservation activities and provide for financial and technical incentives for agricultural water conservation.

3. Grading and Brush Clearing

Implement the County Grading Ordinance including the amendments adopted by the Board of Supervisors on August 13, 1991, and amend the County Brush-clearing Ordinance in a manner consistent with the intent of the FEIR Mitigation Measure (identified as M-9).

4. Controlled burns and other non burning methods of fire risk reduction

It is suggested that the County take the lead in requesting the Range Improvement Associations, in concert with the Soil Conservation Service, Cooperative Extension, Agricultural Commissioner, Fire Department, State Department of Fish and Game, and U.S. Forest Service to work together to (1) identify the additional information that is needed concerning beneficial and adverse effects of prescribed and controlled burns and alternative non-burning methods for fire hazard reduction on biological resources in the County, (2) determine the most cost-effective way of obtaining such

information, (3) designate a lead agency in the County for collecting and processing the information, and (4) recommend guidelines for prescribed and controlled burns and alternative non-burning methods for accomplishing fire reduction that would minimize adverse impacts on the long term protection of botanical and biological resources, increase water yields, protect and/or improve wildlife habitat, provide wildlife protection, and increase agricultural productivity. To assure that adverse impacts on biological resources are minimized, a professional plant ecologist shall also be included on the team.

5. Areas for Agricultural Support Use

The County needs to work with the Cities of Santa Maria, Guadalupe, Lompoc, and Carpinteria to identify areas for future agricultural support and industry. In some cases, it may be necessary to consider extension of existing urban boundaries and annexation of unincorporated lands for this purpose; in other cases unincorporated areas adjacent to urban boundaries might be appropriate for designation as agricultural industry. In identification of sufficient land areas for agricultural support and agricultural industry a necessary and specific part of the update of the Land Use Element for each planning area of the County. These updates should include an analysis of possibly redesignating existing vacant lands now designated for commercial or

industrial use for agricultural support services.

6. Minimum parcel sizes

The County shall re-evaluate the existing 100-acre minimum parcel size for grazing and other non-prime lands by considering standards including but not limited to, the substitution of existing minimum parcel sizes with a performance or carrying capacity method of establishing appropriate minimum acreage requirements. At the same time, the County should conduct additional studies to evaluate alternatives for allowing these non-prime lands to realize some portion of their non-agricultural value.

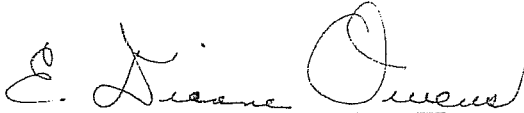
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of September,

1991, by the following vote:

AYES: Ochoa, Rogers, Wallace, Owens, Stoker

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By Robert Cohen
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Nawi
County Counsel

By Ms. P. S. Sl... [Signature]
Deputy County Counsel