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Dear Commissioners:

RE: Support of Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District

The San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau urges your **AYE** vote in LAFCO's staff recommendation that a determination the Estrella-El Pomar-Shandon Water District (EPCD) has complied with LAFCO's Conditions of Approval at your November 15, 2018 hearing. The Farm Bureau Board of Directors voted at its February 2017 regular meeting to recommend approval of the formation of the Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District and continues to support the District.

It is clear that the EPCD has met all 13 Conditions of Approval included in LAFCO's approval of the EPCD formation in December 2017 – including Condition 11, which states that “If the District does not become a GSA, or is not part of a GSA within one year of the Certificate of Completion being filed, the District shall be dissolved”. In fact, the EPCD is a *part* – “a piece or segment of something such as an object, activity, or period of time, which combined with other pieces makes up the whole” – *of* the County GSA. With all due respect, the staff report for this item concentrates on the *partnership* between the Shandon-San Juan Water District and the EPCD, which is a detailed agreement to work collaboratively to comply with SGMA, the language in Condition 11 is clear as stated above. Regardless if you are looking at the EPC as being a *part of* a GSA or is in a *partnership* with a GSA, both hold true and accurate.

The EPCD has and continues to work with all the GSA's in the Basin and has participated in all the Cooperative Committee meetings, contributing important and meaningful input throughout the process.

With the powers of a water district, the EPC continues to take responsibility and is pursuing projects to enhance water infiltration and groundwater recharge as well as conservation and best management practices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna Negranti". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Anna Negranti, President
San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau