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From: Bernie Miller
To: CAP
Subject: CAP Comments
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Hi Maggie,

I'm doing the best I can to help understand CAP and its effect on Agriculture farming in San Diego County. First and foremost, the implementation of CAP to the existing programs should bring less bureaucracy to our county planning department and create more efficiency in obtaining permits in a timely manner.

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On implementation of renewal energy structures in the unincorporated areas of San Diego County leads to a big concern on agriculture's energy cost whereas SDGE offers .19 per KWH but only if there are no other uses attached to the meter. In 59% of the farms in America, there is somebody living on the property and would disqualify the farm from such a rate. As a result, many farms have already invested into renewal energy so for those who have not done so, would the CAP program offer discounted rates of energy for agriculture and does SDGE know about this?

I84-2

Air quality would impact farmers if the county implemented constraints on farm equipment by restricting usage of diesel engines. Most farmers have older tractors that still work very well and could not incur the expense having to upgrade if restrictions were implemented. Realistically, emissions from farm equipment have very little impact on air quality and should be treated as such. If the county continues to increase the cost of doing business by adding fees and restrictions to an industry where very little profit is made than we will see fewer farmers willing to take on such a task.

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My overall point and objection is that it seems whenever there is an environmental program implemented, there is little thought of how it effects the consumer and in this case, the farmer who works very hard just to make ends meet. More restrictions on agriculture would only increase time and costs in an area of government where policy should be streamlined and simplified. I'm speaking mostly of plants and not livestock because one of the major problems of our GHG is methane gas from cattle but I would guess that The American Cattleman's Assoc. is much to powerful to be held accountable. Or maybe not?

Thank you and I would hope the implementing bodies will consider my opinions.

Sincerely,

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Response to Comment Letter I84

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I84-1 This is an introductory comment and the County acknowledges the opinion of the commenter. This comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft SEIR and no further response is required. However, the comment will be included in the Final EIR and made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the project.

I84-2 The comment questions whether the CAP would provide discounted energy rates for agricultural operations. The details of specific incentive programs resulting from the CAP are not available. This comment will be included in the Final EIR and made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the project.

I84-3 The County acknowledges concern regarding of the cost of new regulations for farm operations. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft SEIR and no further response is required. However, the comment will be included in the Final EIR and made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the project.