

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 13313, the attached materials pertaining to Measure A-16 on the March 8, 2016 Special Election are hereby submitted for 10-day public examination. During the 10-day examination period provided by this section, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held may seek a writ of mandate or injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted. The writ of mandate or injunction request shall be filed not later than the end of the 10-calendar-day public examination period. A peremptory writ of mandate or an injunction shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Elections Code, and that issuance of the writ or injunction will not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of the official election materials as provided by law.

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor  
Rebuttal to Argument Against

Dated: December 22, 2015

Tommy Gong  
San Luis Obispo County  
Clerk-Recorder

## **Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure A**

**Measure A is a Tax and Spend Measure!** Voting for Measure A will guarantee a brand new bloated bureaucratic government agency to tax you, have the authority to put a meter on your well and charge you "extraction fees" for every drop of water you pump.

**Don't fall for the false promise of local control!** This proposed district only covers a portion of the basin. California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires the ENTIRE basin be managed under a single Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). A Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) must be formed between Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties, the City of Paso Robles and several other agencies to ultimately manage the basin. The new water district MUST concede local regulatory power to the JPA. All the water district will do for the residents is to tax them to fund new offices, bloated employee salaries with benefits and expensive retirements to the tune of almost \$1 million per year, without adding one single drop of water to the basin.

**The State will not step in to manage the basin!** Section 10724 of California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act "presumes" that all counties will act as the GSA for any unmanaged area of their county. San Luis Obispo County already aggressively manages the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. Take the permanent water offset ordinance as an example. It strains credulity that the County would passively stand by and let the State step in and take over our water.

**Vote NO on Measure A.**

SIGNATURE STATEMENT

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to Division 9 of the California Elections Code shall be accompanied by the following form statement, to be signed by each proponent and by each author, if different, of the argument. Only the first five signatures will be printed in the Sample Ballot/Voter Information Pamphlet.

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the

Argument in Favor of

Argument Against

Rebuttal to the Argument Against

Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of

ballot measure (insert letter) A-16

at the (insert type of election - Primary, General, Special) SPECIAL Election

for the PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER BASIN  
(insert name of jurisdiction - County, Special District, School District)

to be held on (insert election date) MARCH 8, 2016 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of (insert his, her or their) HIS knowledge and belief.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date 12-21-2015

Print Name CODY FERGUSON

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date **FILED**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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TOMMY GONG, COUNTY CLERK

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

~~DEPUTY CLERK~~

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: LARRY MCGOWEN

Phone # 805 238 6392

ARGUMENT/REBUTTAL filed by (check any of the following that apply):

Board of Supervisors or Governing Board

Bona Fide Sponsors or Proponents of the Measure

Bona Fide Association of Citizens- Name of Association: PR-WIN

Principal Officers: CODY FERGUSON / ALLEN DUCKWORTH

Individual Voter Eligible to Vote on the Measure

## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A

Measure A opponents want you to believe if we just vote No that magically the County will suddenly find the money and political will to manage the basin. Unfortunately there is no magic wand. The County has repeatedly said there are no extra funds lying around.

State required management of the Basin will cost us, whether it is the County, the Water District or the State that does it.

The County has no money or staff in its budget to manage WITHOUT THE FUNDING PROVIDED BY MEASURE A. The County cannot raid the reserve fund to pay for basin management because the reserve cannot be used for ongoing projects.

If the basin is not managed locally the State has said that its management of our basin WILL COST MORE and we will have NO SAY in those costs.

Plain and simple, it will cost the County the SAME or MORE than it would the Water District to manage the Basin. It will cost significantly MORE for the State to do it.

We believe that local board members running a locally controlled Water District can manage our basin more efficiently and at a lower cost than the County or the State where bureaucracy and inefficacy rule the roost.

A YES vote provides needed funding to keep the STATE OUT OF OUR WATER.

Vote YES for LOCALCONTROL, AFFORDABILITY and ACCOUNTABILITY.

Join us and VOTE YES ON MEASURE A.

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ballot measure (insert letter) A

at the (insert type of election - Primary, General, Special) Special Election

for the Paso Robles Basin Water District  
(insert name of jurisdiction - County, Special District, School District)

to be held on (insert election date) March 8, 2016 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of (insert his, her or their) \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge and belief.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date 12/17/15

Print Name Kandy D. Dittenbaugh

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date 12/17/15

Print Name PAUL E. CLARK

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date 12-18-15

Print Name Jim IRVING

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date 12-19-15

Print Name Dee Lacey

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date 12-20-15

Print Name RAY ALLEN, JR.

Contact person: Cory Black Phone # 265-5401

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Bona Fide Association of Citizens- Name of Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes on Paso Robles Basin Water District

Principal Officers: Dee Lacey

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TOMMY BONG, COUNTY CLERK