

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 13313, the attached materials pertaining to Measure B-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 B**

**Measure B does not give residents local control!** California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires the ENTIRE basin be managed. To accomplish this, a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) must be formed between Monterey, San Luis Obispo counties, the City of Paso Robles and several additional agencies. This new water district would have ONE seat on that several member JPA and any member could stop the water district if they disagree with any of the district's actions.

**The State will not impose a tax on the district!** California has no authority to unilaterally impose a special local tax. California Constitution Subdivision (d) Section 1 Article XIII C requires all special taxes be approved by a 2/3 vote.

**The State will not step in to manage the district!** The SLO County Flood Control District already aggressively manages our basin. Section 10724 of SGMA grants the County full authority to continue to manage the basin. In fact, SGMA "presumes" that counties will expressly act as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for any unmanaged areas in the county.

**Measure B is not fair!** District residents will be taxed almost \$1 million per year. City residents, urban developers and municipal appropriators over the same basin, extracting the same groundwater, will not be charged this tax.

If you vote for measure B-16, the new water district will have the authority to put a meter on your well, tax you for your own water and enter your property unannounced for regulatory purposes.

**Vote NO on Measure B.**

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) B-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 O FERGUSON

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date FILED

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date DEC 21 2015  
TOMMY GONG, COUNTY CLERK

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY CLERK

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: LARRY MCCOUBTY

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-WLN

Principal Officers: CODY FERGUSON / ALLEN DUCKWORTH

Individual Voter Eligible to Vote on the Measure

## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE B

Opponents of Measure B are attempting to scare us with dire predictions. They neglect to tell you that the Water District has **NO MORE ABILITY** to take control of your well, restrict your water rights, meter your well, or charge you for extractions **THAN THE COUNTY OR THE STATE WOULD**.

Opponents falsely say the County can manage the Basin for less. Though the projected budget is the same for either the County or the Water District; we believe that nine local resident board members can run a Water District and manage our basin more efficiently and at a **LOWER** cost than the County or the State.

A new state law called SGMA requires us to manage our Basin. If we don't do it locally, the State will. Opponents would like you to believe there is a free option. The State and the County Board of Supervisors have made it clear that there is **NO** free option.

Join us in voting Yes on Measure B, Yes for local control, and Yes for local accountability. Let's keep control and money in **OUR** hands and **OUT OF THE HANDS** of the County or the State.

Don't let the County or the State make the decisions about **OUR** water.

Vote Yes to keep the people making the decisions about our basin the **PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE, PEOPLE YOU KNOW, and PEOPLE YOU HAVE VOTED FOR.**

**KEEP IT LOCAL.**

Join us and **VOTE YES ON MEASURE B!**

[www.YESonAandB.com](http://www.YESonAandB.com)

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ballot measure (insert letter) B

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 BILL SPENCER

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date 12-17-15

Print Name PAUL CLARK

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date 12-17-15

Print Name BILL STANSBURY

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date 12-18-15

Print Name Jim Irving

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date 12-18-15

Print Name Dee Lacey

Contact person: Cory Black

Phone # 265-5401

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Board of Supervisors or Governing Board

Bona Fide Sponsors or Proponents of the Measure

Yes on Paso Robles Basin Water District

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

Principal Officers: Dee Lacey

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TOMMY GONG, COUNTY CLERK