

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.

Full Text of Measure
Impartial Analysis
Argument in Favor of
Argument Against

Dated: December 10, 2015

Tommy Gong
San Luis Obispo County
Clerk-Recorder

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA
CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING
OF SPECIAL ALL MAILED BALLOT ELECTIONS
TO BE HELD ON MARCH 8, 2016,
FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS
OF A QUESTION RELATING TO THE FORMATION
OF THE PASO ROBLES BASIN WATER DISTRICT AND
ELECTION OF THE INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SAID DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2453 (2014) (Water Code §§ 37900 – 37969) (AB 2453) which adds Part 8.2 to Division 13 (California Water District Law, Water Code §§ 34000 – 38501) of the California Water Code provides for the formation of the Paso Robles Basin Water District (Water District) in conformance with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code §§ 56000 et seq.) (Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act) with limited exception (Water Code § 37905); and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2015, pursuant to Water Code Section 37905, the Board of Supervisors, acting as the Board of Supervisors of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, approved a resolution making application to the San Luis Obispo County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for the formation of the Water District; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2015 and September 17, 2015, LAFCO conducted public hearings on the formation of the Water District; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2015, LAFCO approved a resolution making determinations and approving the formation of the Water District (LAFCO Resolution), attached hereto as Attachment 1, subject to certain enumerated conditions, including, but not limited to, the following:

Condition of Approval No. 3: That the formation of the Paso Robles Water Basin District [sic] shall be contingent upon a successful vote on the formation pursuant to Water Code Section 37905, and approval of a Proposition 218 proposal capable of funding the activities of the District. This action shall also establish an appropriations limit in the amount of \$950,609.

Condition of Approval No. 8: That the Board of Supervisors of the County or the Flood Control District, as applicable, call for the formation vote and Board of Director elections, conduct the Proposition 218 proceedings and set the

appropriations limit as soon as feasibly possible and consistent with Government Code Section 57000.

WHEREAS, Exhibit A to the LAFCO Resolution describes the boundaries of the Water District, as established by LAFCO in accordance with Water Code Section 37900; and

WHEREAS, the protest provisions of the Cortese-Knox Hertzberg Act that pertain to the formation of a district do not apply to the formation of the Water District (Water Code §37905(d)); and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2015, the San Luis Obispo County (County) Board of Supervisors (Board of Supervisors) and the County Elections Official (Elections Official) received notification in accordance with Government Code Section 57000, subdivision (d), that LAFCO made a determination requiring that an election be conducted and requesting that the Board of Supervisors direct the Elections Official to conduct the necessary election; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 57000, subdivision (e)(1), requires the Board of Supervisors to do all of the following: call, provide for, and give notice of a special election or elections; fix a date of election and direct the elections official to designate precincts and polling places and to take any other action necessary to call, provide for, and give notice of the special election or elections and to provide for the conduct and canvass of returns of the election, as determined by LAFCO; and

WHEREAS, one of the elections that must be conducted is an election by landowners, as defined in Water Code Sections 37905 and 37913, on the question of whether the order adopted by LAFCO ordering the formation of the Water District shall be approved and on the question of who shall fill the six (6) board of director seats to be voted on by landowners if the Water District is formed (Landowner Election); and

WHEREAS, a second election that must be conducted is an election by registered voters within the Water District on the question of who shall fill the three (3) board of director seats to be voted on by registered voters (Registered Voter Election); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Sections 57126 and 57132, the Landowner Election and the Registered Voter Election may be conducted wholly by mailed ballot on the next established election date set forth in Elections Code Section 1500; and

WHEREAS, both the principal act of the Water District (the California Water District Law, including AB 2453) and the Cortese-Knox Hertzberg Act contain provisions applicable to

the conduct of the Landowner Election and the Registered Voter Election (Water Code §§ 34400 – 34502, 37905, 37910 – 37913; Government Code §§ 57125 – 57179); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 56100, subdivision (b), proceedings for the formation of the Water District shall be conducted as authorized in the California Water District Law (including AB 2453) except that the procedural requirements of the Cortese-Knox Hertzberg Act shall apply and prevail in the event of a conflict with the procedural requirements of the California Water District Law; and

WHEREAS, with respect to the Landowner Election, Water Code Section 37905, subdivision (c), identifies the relevant voters for the election on the question of whether the order adopted by LAFCO ordering the formation of the Water District shall be approved and provides in pertinent part:

For the purposes of [...] a vote on the matter to form the district, the following applies:

- (1) Each voter, who shall be a landowner as defined in this section, may cast [...] one vote on the matter of an election to form the district. Ownership of multiple parcels of land, in full or in part, shall not entitle any voter to more than one vote.*
- (2) For land held jointly, owners collectively get one vote. Nothing in this section should be construed to indicate that multiple owners of a property get more than one vote.*

WHEREAS, with respect to the Landowner Election, Water Code Section 37911, subdivision (b), identifies the relevant voters for the election on the question of who shall fill the six (6) board of director seats open to persons holding title to land within the Water District and persons authorized to vote in elections by landowners, if the Water District is formed and provides in pertinent part:¹

Six of the [nine total] directors shall be qualified for office by being persons who hold title to land within the district or persons authorized to vote in elections by landowners, as provided in Section 37913. Each director shall be elected by landowners as provided in by Article 1 (commencing with Section 35003) of Chapter 1 of Part 4, except that each voter shall be entitled to cast one vote for each acre owned by the voter within the district. If the voter owns less than one acre, the voter shall be

¹ Water Code Section 37911, subdivision (d)(1), additionally requires that all directors qualified under Water Code Section 37911, subdivision (b), “reside within the district, within two miles of the district boundary, or within the boundaries of the City of Paso Robles, the Atascadero Mutual Water Company, the Templeton Community Services District, the San Miguel Community Services District, or the San Luis Obispo County Service Area 16.”

entitled to one vote and any fraction shall be rounded to the nearest full acre.

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 37911, subdivision (b), further divides landowners into the following categories: “large landowners” (holders of title owning a total of four hundred (400) acres or more), “medium landowners” (holders of title owning a total of forty (40) acres or more but less than four hundred (400) acres and “small landowners” (holders of title owning a total of less than forty (40) acres) and provides that each category shall elect two (2) directors; and

WHEREAS, with respect to the Registered Voter Election, Water Code Section 37911, subdivision (c), identifies registered voters within the Water District as the voters who shall vote on the question of who shall fill the three (3) board of director seats open to registered voters residing within the Water District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code Section 37912, subdivision (a), separate ballots shall be prepared and separate elections shall be conducted for those director positions which will be elected by resident voters and for those which will be elected by landowner voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo does declare, determine and order as follows:

SECTION 1. Call for Landowner Election. The Board of Supervisors hereby orders a special election and submits to the relevant voters of the Water District, as defined in Water Code Sections 37905 and 37911, subdivision (b), the question of whether the order adopted by LAFCO ordering the formation of the Water District shall be approved and on the question of who shall fill the six (6) board of director seats open to persons holding title to land within the Water District and to persons authorized to vote in elections by landowners, as provided in Water Code Section 37913, subject to certain residency requirements, if the Water District is formed, as set forth more fully in the ballot questions approved under Section 4.

SECTION 2. Call for Registered Voter Election. The Board of Supervisors hereby orders a special election and submits to the relevant voters of the Water District, as defined in Water Code Section 37911, subdivision (c), the question of who shall fill the three (3) board of director seats open to registered voters residing within the Water District, if the Water District is formed, as set forth more fully in the ballot question approved under Section 5.

SECTION 3. Date of Elections. The date of the Landowner Election and the Registered Voter Election shall be March 8, 2016, and the elections shall be conducted wholly by mailed ballot.

SECTION 4. Purpose of the Landowner Election; Ballot Questions. The purpose of the Landowner Election shall be for the qualified voters within the proposed Water District to vote on the following questions:

QUESTION 1:

Shall the order adopted on September 17, 2015, by the Local Agency Formation Commission of San Luis Obispo County ordering the formation of a district in the territory described, known as the Paso Robles Basin Water District, be approved subject to the terms and conditions specified in the order, including approval of a Proposition 218 proposal to fund the district?

QUESTION 2:

If the Paso Robles Basin Water District is formed, who shall serve on the board of directors of the Paso Robles Basin Water District?

SECTION 5. Purpose of the Registered Voter Election; Ballot Question. The purpose of the Registered Voter Election shall be for the qualified voters within the proposed Water District to vote on the following question:

If the Paso Robles Basin Water District is formed, who shall serve on the board of directors of the Paso Robles Basin Water District?

SECTION 6. Authority for Elections. The authority for ordering the elections is Government Code Section 57000. The authority for the specification of this elections order is contained in Water Code Sections 34400 through 34502, 37905, 37910 through 37913 and Government Code Sections 57125 through 57179.

SECTION 7. Form of Ballots. The ballots to be used at the elections shall be in the form and content as required by law.

SECTION 8. Procurement of Necessary Materials. The Elections Official is authorized, instructed and directed to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the elections.

SECTION 9. Polls. The polls for the elections shall be open at seven o'clock a.m. of the day of the elections and shall remain open continuously from that time until eight o'clock p.m. of the same day when the polls shall be closed. The County Clerk-Recorder's offices, located at 1055 Monterey Street, Suite D120, San Luis Obispo, and 6565 Capistrano Avenue (2nd

Floor Atascadero Library), Atascadero, will be used as the “polls” for these all mailed ballot elections.

SECTION 10. Delivery of this Resolution. The Elections Official is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to LAFCO within five (5) days of adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 11. Notice of the time and place of holding the elections is given and the County Elections Official is further directed to publish, post and mail the Notice of Elections, a form of which is set forth on Attachment 2 hereto, in accordance with Government Code Section 57130 and Water Code Section 34402.

SECTION 12. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the elections shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding elections relating to the formation of the Water District and the election of the first set of directors of the Water District.

SECTION 13. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect on and after its adoption.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call votes, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

the foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

ATTACHMENT 1
LAFCO RESOLUTION

IN THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

September 17, 2015

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN TOM MURRAY, VICE-CHAIRMAN FRANK MECHAM,
COMMISSIONERS MURIL CLIFT, ROBERTA FONZI, BRUCE GIBSON,
MARSHALL OCHYLSKI, AND ED WAAGE AND ALTERNATE
COMMISSIONERS DAVID BROOKS AND JAMIE IRONS

ABSENT: ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS ROBERT ENNS AND ADAM HILL

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-05

**RESOLUTION MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND APPROVING THE
FORMATION OF THE PASO ROBLES BASIN WATER DISTRICT, SPHERE OF INFLUENCE,
AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

The following resolution is now offered:

WHEREAS, application has been made to this Commission pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code Sections 56000 et seq.) and AB 2453 for consideration of a proposal for the formation of the Paso Robles Basin Water District as shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, a Resolution of Application for the formation of the Paso Robles Basin Water District, a Water District as defined in the California Water Code, Section 34000 et seq., as amended by AB 2453 has been filed with the Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission of San Luis Obispo County, California, Exhibit A by the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, and said application complied with all the requirements of law and the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has given the notices required by law and forwarded copies of his report to officers, persons and public agencies prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, the matter was set and noticed for public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on August 20, 2015 at the Paso Robles Event Center and at 9:00 a.m. on September 17, 2015 in the County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors Chambers; and

WHEREAS, this Commission has considered the application materials, studies and other documentation at the August 20, 2015 and September 17, 2015 public hearings which are

incorporated by reference herein and the Transition Plan found in Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2015 and September 17, 2015 this Commission heard and received, all oral and written protests, objections and evidence, which were made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given the opportunity to hear and be heard in respect to any matter concerning this proposal; and

WHEREAS the Commission hereby finds that the formation of Water District will not have a significant effect on the environment, and is Categorical Exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 7, 8, & 20 and Section 15320, "Changes in Organization of Local Agencies" and General Rule Exemption authorized by 14 California Code Regulations Section 15061, subdivision (b)(3).; and

WHEREAS, the conducting authority process does not apply pursuant to the 37905(d) of the Water Code because an election by the landowners considering formation shall be completed in accordance with AB 2453.

WHEREAS, the Commission duly considered the proposal and finds that the formation should be approved with the following conditions:

1. That the Board of Directors of the Paso Robles Water Basin District (District) be composed of nine members qualified and elected as provided for in Section 37911 of the California Water District Law (California Water Code Section 34000 et seq.); and
2. That pursuant to the application the District is authorized to exercise all powers and authorities set forth in the California Water District Law subject to the following restrictions:
 - a. The District shall not have the authority to adopt emergency ordinances unless the California Water District Code is amended by the state legislature and signed by the Governor to require an affirmative vote of at least seven members of the Board of Directors to adopt such an ordinance.
 - b. The District must obtain consent from the County of San Luis Obispo (County), the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Flood

- Control District) or other relevant agency to conduct activities that have been normally or historically undertaken by the County, the Flood Control District or other agency as required by Water Code Section 37903.
- c. The District's powers to export, transfer, or move groundwater underlying the District outside of the District's approved boundary shall not be active and are subject to condition number six of this approval. For purposes of this condition and condition number six, "groundwater" shall have the meaning set forth in Water Code Section 37900, subdivision (a)(12).
3. That formation of the Paso Robles Basin Water District shall be contingent upon a successful vote on the formation pursuant to Water Code Section 37905, and approval of a Proposition 218 proposal capable of funding the activities of the District. This action shall also establish an appropriations limit in the amount of \$950,609; and
 4. That future projects proposed by the Paso Robles Basin Water District shall be analyzed and evaluated in accordance with any and all applicable laws (e.g. Government Code Section 34000 et al, CEQA, and others).
 5. That the effective date of the Paso Robles Basin Water District will be determined by the certification of the election results by the Board of Supervisors and the filing of the certificate of completion by the LAFCO Executive Officer with the County Clerk-Recorder's office.
 6. If formed the District shall be prohibited from exporting, transferring, or moving groundwater underlying the District (including groundwater pumped into an above-ground storage facility) to areas outside of the District's boundaries.
 7. The applicant must provide a map and legal description to the Board of Equalization (BOE) specifications for the LAFCO-approved boundary of the Paso Robles Basin Water District prior to the recording of the Certificate of Completion.
 8. That the Board of Supervisors of the County or the Flood Control District, as applicable,

shall call for the formation vote and Board of Director elections, conduct the Proposition 218 proceeding and set the appropriations limit as soon as feasibly possible and consistent with Government Code Section 57000.

NOW, THEREFORE, the San Luis Obispo County Local Agency Formation Commission determines the following:

1. The territory comprises approximately 390,000 acres or 609 square miles and is found to be inhabited (having more than twelve registered voters) as defined in §56046 of the Government Code.
2. The formation of the District is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: **Paso Robles Basin Water District**
3. Based on the evidence, analysis, and conclusions set forth in this resolution and the Executive Officer's report, the Commission finds that the formation of this District serves to further the purposes of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 including, but not limited to, the following: efficiently providing government services and facilitating the orderly formation and development of local agencies based upon local conditions and circumstances.
4. The Commission determines, based upon the services currently provided to the affected territory, that the Paso Robles Basin Water District can feasibly provide the needed services in a more efficient and accountable manner than the County of San Luis Obispo.
5. The Commission adopts the determinations regarding consistency with LAFCO law and Commission Policies contained in the staff report for this proposal and incorporates them by reference herein.
6. The affected territory within which the special election shall be held includes the entire area within the boundaries of the proposed District, as described by Exhibit A attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, as follows:

1. That the recitals set forth hereinabove are true, correct, and valid.
2. That the Categorical Exemption prepared for this project is hereby approved as complete and adequate and as having been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. The Executive Officer, on behalf of the Commission and in compliance with this resolution and State law, hereby requests that the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors direct the County Elections Official to conduct the necessary election, setting the matter for consideration of the voters of the affected territory on a date consistent election law and the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. The Executive Officer is directed to coordinate with the County Clerk to formulate the election questions consistent with the Commission's determinations set forth herein.
4. That the Executive Officer of this Commission is authorized and directed to mail copies of this resolution in the manner provided by law.
5. That Formation of the Paso Robles Basin Water District is hereby conditionally approved.
6. Pursuant to §57144 and §56898 of the Government Code, the Executive Officer will prepare for the Commission's review an Impartial Analysis of the proposed District formation; after the Commission has approved or modified the Impartial Analysis, it shall direct the Executive Officer to submit it to the elections official no later than the last day for submission of ballot arguments.
7. The regular County assessment roll will be used.
8. No existing bonded indebtedness shall be affected by this change of organization.

Upon a motion by Vice-Chairman Mecham, seconded by Commissioner Gibson to find the formation categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15320 (Class 20) and a General Rule Exemption and on the following roll call vote and to form the Paso Robles Basin Water District subject to the above-listed terms and conditions:

AYES: Vice-Chairman Mecham, Commissioners Gibson, Clift, Ochylski, Waage and
Chairman Murray

NAYS: Commissioner Fonzi

ABSTAINING: None

Tom Murray, Chair Date
Local Agency Formation Commission

ATTEST:

David Church Date
LAFCO Executive Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

Raymond A. Biering Date
LAFCO Legal Counsel

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS FOR MEASURE B-16 FORMATION OF THE PASO ROBLES BASIN WATER DISTRICT

The proposed Paso Robles Basin Water District (District) is approximately 350,000 acres. The District lies east of the Cities of Paso Robles and Atascadero, and the community of Templeton. To the north the District boundary is the Monterey-San Luis Obispo County line. The District's service area boundary includes the unincorporated properties in San Luis Obispo County that overlie the Paso Robles sub-basin as defined by the Fugro Basin Study. The Atascadero sub-basin, as identified in the Fugro Study, is excluded from the District's boundary.

The purpose of the District is to provide for the management of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. The responsibilities of the District would include compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) within its boundaries. SGMA requires the preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for basins identified by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) as medium and high-priority basins. DWR has identified the Paso Robles Basin as a high-priority basin. If the District is not formed, the County or the State would be responsible for SGMA compliance. The estimated annual budget for the District is \$950,000. Future projects and funding would be subject to the District's approval and other state laws such as CEQA and Proposition 218.

The formation process and powers of the proposed District are described in Assembly Bill 2453, which became law on January 1, 2015. On April 21, 2015, the County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution of application, which was submitted to LAFCO, and on November 10, 2015, directed that the measure calling for the District's formation be placed on the ballot. For the District to be formed, the following must occur: 1) a majority of the landowner-voters who submit ballots, as defined in AB 2453, must approve the formation, and 2) the special tax to fund SGMA compliance within the District boundaries must be approved by two-thirds of the registered voters who cast votes. The District's nine-member Board of Directors would be elected by landowners and registered voters within the District. Three of the board members would be registered voters elected by registered voters from within the proposed District. The six other board members would be local landowners and would be elected from the following acreage categories: small (less than 40 acres), medium (40 to less than 400 acres) and large (more than 400 acres).

A "yes" vote on this measure is a vote to form the Paso Robles Basin Water District. A "no" vote on this measure is a vote against forming the Paso Robles Basin Water District. A majority of the "yes" votes cast by the landowner-voters is needed to approve the formation. If a majority of "no" votes are cast, the District would not be formed. Also, if the funding vote does not pass the District would not be formed.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure B-16. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the County Elections Office at 805-781-5228 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

by/David A. Church, Executive Officer
San Luis Obispo LAFCO

Pro Measure B

A new State law (SGMA) requires that the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin be managed to bring the basin into balance (water recharged into the basin balanced with water pumped out of the basin) and to protect the long term stability of the basin.

We have three management choices that comply with the new state law: the State of California taking control of Our water, the County Board of Supervisors continuing to manage Our water for us, or creating a local Water District managed by local residents and landowners.

The Water District is the only option that guarantees that we control and have a say in how our water is managed. It keeps the State and the County from taking control of our wells and is the most cost-effective way to comply with the new State law.

A Yes vote on Measure B is a vote to create an independent, locally controlled and managed public Water District governed by a nine-member locally elected board. The Water District's structure guarantees a fair balance and representation for rural voters, ranchers, farmers and vineyard owners. The nine-member board will be made up of people who live here locally and who have skin in the game. No group or individual can control the board.

Voting to create and fund the Water District will ensure that the State does not take control of Our water. The State has said it would impose a tax on property owners that is significantly more than local management would cost, without our consent and without any local control.

We need to do what's right for our community and ensure the people who live here are the ones making decisions about Our groundwater.

Vote Yes on Measures A&B for Our Water, Our Community & Our District.

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DEC 09 2015

TOMMY GONG, COUNTY CLERK

DEPUTY CLERK

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

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) _____ hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of (insert his, her or their) _____ knowledge and belief.

Signed _____

Date _____

Print Name Dee Lacey

Signed _____

Date 12/09/2015

Print Name PAUL E. CLARK

Signed _____

Date 12-9-2015

Print Name William C. Cunha

Signed _____

Date 12-9-2015

Print Name Stephen Sinton

Signed _____

Date 12-9-2015

Print Name Jim IRVING

Contact person: Cory Black

Phone # 265-5401

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

Yes on Paso Robles Basin Water District

Bona Fide Association of Citizens- Name of Association: _____

Principal Officers: Dee Lacey, Treasurer

Individual Voter Eligible to Vote on the Measure

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE B-16

Don't be fooled by false promises of local control! If you vote for Measure B-16 all you will get is more taxes, more government bureaucracy, more regulation, and you will lose control of your well.

Forming a Paso Robles Basin Water District will not give local control over the basin to the citizens. Because the proposed district does not cover the entire basin, it does not have the authority to satisfy the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirement to be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the basin. A Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) must be still formed with the counties of Monterey and SLO, and the cities like Paso Robles. The new district would have only one seat on the JPA, but would cost taxpayers almost \$1 million per year! If you vote for this measure YOU WILL BE UNNECESSARILY TAXED, HAVE YOUR WATER RIGHTS RESTRICTED, AND GET NOTHING IN RETURN.

The proposed district would have the authority to put a meter on your well, charge you for every drop of water you pump, and enter your property for regulatory purposes.

In addition, the County will give up none of its regulatory powers, but will shift millions of dollars of its bureaucratic overhead costs onto the residents of the district. The water district is not needed. The County Flood Control District already has the authority to manage the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin, along with the other 21 groundwater basins in the County, and at less cost.

The proposed water district is a poster child for what is wrong with out-of-control government spending and interference. Vote NO new taxes! NO new regulation and NO water district!

VOTE NO ON MEASURE B-16!

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ballot measure (insert letter) B-16

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

for the DASO ROBLES CIPOUNDWATER BOARD ELECTION
(insert name of jurisdiction - County, Special District, School District)

to be held on (insert election date) MARCH 08, 2016 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of (insert his, her or their) MIS knowledge and belief.

Signed _____

Date 12-10-2015

Print Name CODY FERGUSON

Signed _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

Contact person: CODY FERGUSON

Phone # 805-138-5597

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: FASO ROBLES WATER INTEGRITY PR-WIN NETWORK

Principal Officers: _____

CODY FERGUSON

Individual Voter Eligible to Vote on the Measure