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TO: Mr./Ms.: Goleta Water District

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**LAZY "S" RANCH, LLC**

675 Glen Annie Road  
Goleta, California

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November 2, 2005

**VIA FACSIMILE**

(805) 964-7002

Goleta Water District  
Attention: Kevin Walsh  
4699 Hollister Avenue  
Goleta, CA


*Re: November 8th Meeting*

Dear Mr. Walsh:

Lazy "S" Ranch, LLC owns a 45 acre ranch at 675 Glen Annie Road in Goleta which we put into the Agricultural Preserve. This acreage was purchased by us in 1999. Since then we have removed several acres of old trees and planted new trees so that at this point in time almost 40 acres are planted with lemons and avocados. We are being encouraged by the County of Santa Barbara to plant an additional couple of acres and frankly would like to do so. The property was underutilized prior to our acquisition of it which is why the ten year time frame on the enclosed chart is patently unfair. If the ten year average is used in our case it would appear that we will have approximately another ten acre fee or one-third of our agricultural water usage billed at urban rates rather than agricultural rates. This will translate into more than \$14,000 a year and frankly will make it uneconomical for us to plant any future crops and very difficult to stay in business as an operating ranch. We are strongly opposed to the current proposal. From our perspective we thought the County wanted to encourage those of us who are in the Ag Preserve to continue to use the property for agricultural purposes. I frankly don't understand why you are trying to totally undermine that goal.

Although I am unable to attend the above meeting I contemplate Joe Bloodworth of McMillan Farm Management will be representing us.

Lazy "S" Ranch, LLC

By:   
William Stinehart, Jr., Manager

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Property No. 109-900-2  
Lazy "S" Ranch LLC

