

October 29, 2017

Fresno County Board of Supervisors
2281 Tulare Street, Room 301
Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Item No. 51 on the Board Agenda for October 31, 2017:
Adopt Resolution Dissolving Fresno County Water Advisory Committee

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

When the General Plan was adopted on October 3, 2000, the County also approved an accompanying EIR.

That EIR identified groundwater overdraft as an adverse impact that could not be completely mitigated, which then required the Board to adopt "a statement of overriding considerations." That impact is printed below.

Adverse Impact 4.8-1

Development under the Draft General Plan could result in the demand for water exceeding available supply, resulting in overdraft conditions and potential adverse effects on groundwater recharge potential.

Nonetheless, the EIR identified 41 policies in the General Plan that, when taken together, would lessen that impact. One of those mitigation measures is Policy OS-A.5. It's printed below.

Policy OS-A.5

The Fresno County Water Advisory Committee shall provide advice to the Board of Supervisors on water resource management issues.

Should you approve the recommended action under Item No. 51 on your agenda for October 31, 2017, in other words, choose to dissolve the Fresno County Water Advisory Committee, you will, in effect, abrogate or annul General Plan Policy OS-A.5.

To avoid taking action that's in conflict with the 2000 General Plan and the 2000 EIR, it will be necessary for you to also amend the General Plan and remake environmental findings with respect to groundwater overdraft.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment on Item No. 51.

Sincerely,



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