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San Diego County Board of Supervisors
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Subject: Land Use Legislative Session
Date: November 19, 2025 Item 1

Dear Chair Lawson-Remer and Members of the Board.

The San Diego County Farm Bureau supports efforts to expand housing opportunities across our region. A significant barrier to using the already-planned densities is the Local Agency Management Plan (LAMP) adopted last February. The new requirements significantly increase both the difficulty and cost of building on parcels designated for housing. The new LAMP directly affects a farm's ability to develop farm worker housing, agritourism, or wineries.

Feedback from the County's own list of Qualified Professionals shows broad disagreement with several provisions of the updated LAMP—provisions that have made projects infeasible for many property owners and, in some cases, diminished property values.

Other counties have successfully worked with their Regional Water Boards to establish more practical and science-based standards for onsite wastewater treatment systems. San Diego County should follow the same path. The approach used over the past four decades has proven effective, and the newly adopted LAMP is now obstructing housing that has already been planned and approved at the policy level.

We respectfully request that the Department of Environmental Health be directed to re-evaluate the LAMP and engage in a new, science-driven outreach process tailored to San Diego County's unique conditions. As written, the current LAMP conflicts with the Department of Planning and Development Services' ongoing planning efforts to create additional housing options.

Sincerely,

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