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Written Public Comments

Item	Name	Topic	Date Received
Item 01	Lans Stout and Sue Laszlo Four Creeks Farm	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri- tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.	08/11/2023
Item 02	Jefferson County Farm Bureau	Resolution 310 – Siting of agri- tourism, entertainment activities and associated activities on agricultural lands.	08/14/2023

Friday, August 11, 2023 at 14:58:09 Pacific Daylight Time

Subject: Resolution 310

Date: Friday, August 11, 2023 at 1:48:12 PM Pacific Daylight Time

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Members of the Board of Agriculture:

My name is Lans stout. My wife and I own and operate a small hay farm south of Hillsboro.

During your original consideration of Resolution 310 we offered observations as to how commercial activities often have negative effects on the farms in our area. We appreciated your awareness of these issues, and your adoption of Resolution 310. The circumstances have not changed, and it is even more important now to add the clarifications proposed in the updated version you will consider at your next meeting. "Agri-tourism" in all aspects needs to be carefully regulated to protect our farming communities, and an important step will be working with LCDC to derive a clear definition of included activities as well as regulatory provisions.

Please maintain and strengthen your position as indicated by the proposed updated version of Resolution 310.

Thank you.

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Chairman Luisa Santamaria and Commission Members
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Resolution 310 Ag Tourism Support

Dear Chairman Santamaria and Commissioners,

Jefferson County Farm Bureau is in support of the resolution 310 in the current form. We would like it to be stronger in protecting neighboring agriculture operations that feel the impacts of ag tourism. At our August board meeting the board voted to send in comments addressing the ag tourism pressures and impacts on other agricultural operations and support resolution 310.

It isn't about an agricultural operation engaging in ag tourism, it is always about the impacts to other agricultural operations. It needs to be noted that agriculture is about raising food, fiber and commodities not about taking way events that can be and should be in cities, that is one reason that the EFU zone has its own tax qualifications versus what is paid within a city.

Sincerely,

Mickey Killingsworth

Mickey Killingsworth
Secretary-Treasurer
Jefferson County Farm Bureau

Home of North Unit Irrigation District