
Laguna Natural Resource Conservation District

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Re: 5 mile zone

To Whom It May Concern:

Part of the western portion of the 5-Mile Zone along the border with Mexico is in our Natural Resource Conservation District and these comments are submitted for your considered judgment in forming the Final Resource Management Plan for the 5-Mile Zone.

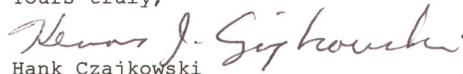
Our most important industry in Yuma County is Agriculture. The Yuma Valley is prime cropland and our longtime efforts have been to maintain that base to the furthest extent practicable.

There has been extensive urbanization in the northern end of the Yuma Valley in the "growth" of the City of Yuma. Some increasing "growth" in and near the Town of Somerton is occurring. To a lesser extent, the City of San Luis has expanded into some of the Valley. These encroachments on our irrigated farmland diminish the economic potential of a finite resource and are irreversible.

We respectfully request that every effort be made to allow the expansion of San Luis to the East onto the Yuma Mesa so our successful agriculture can continue to supply food, fiber, and employment.

If you have any questions or want more information, please let us know.

Yours truly,



Hank Czajkowski
Chairman, Laguna
Natural Resource Conservation
District

CC: Sen. John Mc Cain, Sen. Jon Kyl, Rep. Raul Grijalva

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