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ASSEMBLYMEMBER, THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT

Chairman Patrick Kruer  
California Coastal Commission  
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000  
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Re: Appeal A-3-SLO-07-059  
San Simeon Creek Bridges

CALIFORNIA  
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Dear Chairman Kruer:

I am in receipt of a letter from the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors dated October 3, 2008, which asks for support in getting Appeal A-3-SLO-07-059 on the November agenda of the California Coastal Commission.

I would like to express my support for this issue being placed on your agenda in November. It appears that replacement of the bridges is consistent with the Local Coastal Plan. Delayed replacement of the bridges poses a safety threat to the area. Residents have been denied dependable access to and from their homes and businesses. Emergency vehicles cannot access the area during fire season, creating a threat to wildlife and native vegetation.

Another potential safety threat is that restrictions on the use of the bridges have made access to the County's emergency radio equipment located near Rocky Butte more difficult.

I urge your commission to include this item on your November agenda, so those adversely affected by the closure of one bridge, and the possible closure of the other, will be able to present their case for reconstruction of the bridges.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee

cc: Mr. Peter Douglas  
Ms. Shirley Bianchi, Rocky Butte Association  
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

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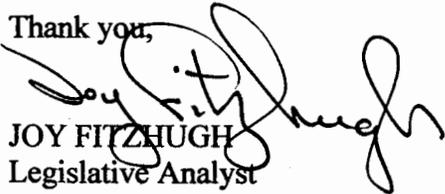
Members of the North Coast Farm Center (the local unit of the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau) delivered the attached letters to me following their October 20, 2008 Center meeting. They asked that I forward them to you and Jonathan Bishop regarding the San Simeon Creek Bridges Replacements Appeal.

At the time that the letters were written, the people did not know whether the Bridges Appeal was going to be placed on the November, 2008 Coastal Commission agenda. After assurance from Coastal Staff that the bridges are tentatively on the November, 2008 agenda, I have been calling and reassuring the writers that most likely the bridges will be heard this next month. Both I and the writers are pleased to see this issue finally moving forward.

The second concern that was expressed by the writers was their desire that the San Simeon Creek Bridges appeal be denied. It is the hope of all of us that these two seriously compromised bridges can be replaced in an expeditious manner through the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors approved permit of October 2, 2007.

Again, we appreciate the agendizing of the San Simeon Creek Bridges on the November, 2008 Coastal Commission agenda and hope to see new bridges crossing the creek in the near future.

Thank you,

  
JOY FITZHUGH  
Legislative Analyst

cc: Jonathan Bishop, Coastal Staff  
Khatchik Achadjian, South Central Coast Coastal Commissioner  
Bruce Gibson, District 2 Supervisor, San Luis Obispo County  
Mark Hutchinson, San Luis Obispo County Public Works

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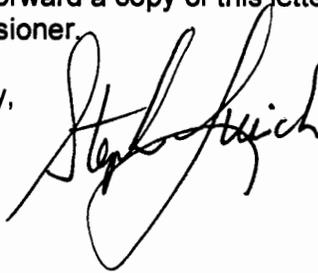
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*Cirdella Swanberg*

*A. Swanberg  
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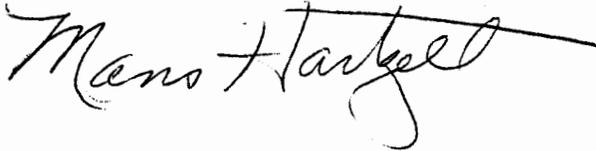
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*Elyanor J Kendall*  
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Cambria, CA 93428

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Sincerely,

*Betty Osell*

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Sincerely, *Linde Winsor*  
*Linde Winsor*

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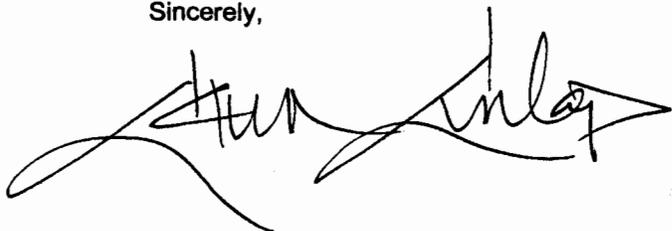
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8338 Santa Rose Creek Road  
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*Barbara H. Walter*

*Walter  
7780 Santa Rosa Hill Rd  
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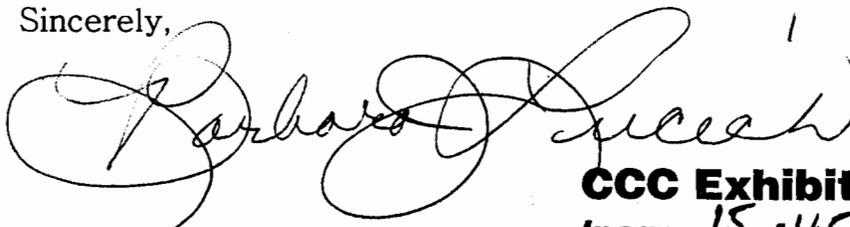
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*Neal Swartz*  
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*James W. Gibson*  
*John S. Bell*

*Gibson*  
*P.O. Box 1351*  
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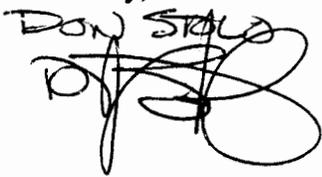
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Michael Broadhurst  
6115 Santa Rosa Creek Rd.  
Cambria, CA 93428

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What is happening to the neighborhood? We live down the road from the Castle and share access with the Hearst Ranch. Why is California's infrastructure failing our agricultural ability and personal safety?

This is more than a story of two bridges. This is a failure. We are very concerned about the degree to which this failure could extend, and is headed. This is a situation that effects not only the residents of San Simeon Creek Road, but potentially the entire County, and these delays are costing California.

We have been waiting patiently (since 1994) for the bridges on our county road to be replaced. It is not disputed that they are failing, Federal funding and County plans were all set to get this project done as of October 2007. Instead the Coastal Commission has an appeal sitting on their desk. We strongly believe that our only access in and out of our homes does not belong in a file for an entire year. As we are being put off, things are getting worse.

On September 29, 2008 the State inspector condemned one Bridge and put a 5-Ton limit on the other. People came home from work to find out they could not get home. Those at home could not leave. The County Crew worked extremely hard and long the next ten days to erect a temporary bridge. The residents became resourceful and a deeper realization of life without public access set in. We found ourselves with no ambulance, fire or mail service. Would you be prepared to lose all services for ten days without notice? What would happen if you could not get to work, to the doctor, or the store? I dare you to try it! How will I get a propane delivery with a 5-Ton limit? When we run out, cooking and hot water will no longer be available. Will we loose electricity Too? We did during the ten days. As it stands right now, the trucks are too heavy for Telephone and Electric maintenance. Fire Trucks and Tractors can not come over the bridge. Let us not forget that the Emergency Communications tower is up here. It serves the highway patrol, sheriff, ambulance, and fire dept., but not without electricity, propane and the bridges. My husband Tim fought the Big Sur Fire and witnessed how the small bridge size of this area plugged up the efforts to get the heavy machinery in place to put out this fire. 240,000 acres burned. Bridge size is a vital link and we are only as strong as our weakest link.

The ranchers and farmers living up the creek depend on the bridges for more than just residential comforts. We need hay delivered in and our cattle and produce shipped out. The bridges are inadequate, and at the current restricted weight limit on the failing 1960's wood bridge we can not legally or safely haul even one horse to work on other ranches. This stops us from working, and soon feeding. If this old bridge goes out this winter as predicted, will it take someone with it? It could be months or seasons before it would be possible to put in a replacement. So how much toilet paper do I need to get through this?

The appellants are concerned about the aesthetics and impacts of putting in improved bridges. This is like cutting off your arm to hide a wart. Our lives and livelihood, (and in the case of fire) countless pets, plants, trees, livestock and wildlife are in the balance of this decision. We have not failed to pay our taxes, we ask you not to fail us. We are losing confidence as this issue was bypassed when the Coastal Commission met here in San Luis Obispo, the next meeting is in Long Beach, 263 miles away. We do not know yet if we will be on the agenda. With Insurance companies canceling us due to fire risk, we do not need any more challenges, we need the planned bridges. We need to be heard, and we need your help. Respectfully, Tim & Linda Winsor

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Submitted by; Linda Winsor, 3785 San Simeon Creek Road, Cambria California 93428  
On 10/13/08 moonshadow@wildblue.net (805) 927-1563

For more info on size and level of fire Risk please see maps at [www.rockybutteassociation.org](http://www.rockybutteassociation.org)

This is The center Support of The remaining Bridge  
This man is 6' we need To be heard ASAP



WASHED OUT  
↑

This Bridge failed. See how  
Narrow it is. Ag Deliveries &  
Fire Equip very difficult.



2-lane Road  
2-lane Bridge  
H.C. work

## Fitzhugh Ranch

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CALIFORNIA  
COASTAL COMMISSION  
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Dear Commissioners

I would ask you to hold a hearing to deny the appeal and approve the replacement on the San Simeon Creek Bridges as proposed by San Luis Obispo County Public Works at your November 2008 meeting. As you are aware the Calif. State Bridge inspectors condemned the bridges leaving the residences ranchers and farmers with no means of getting in or out for a number of days. Ranchers were unable to get their cattle moved, one farmer was in the process of shipping avocados, fuel and other supplies were unable to be trucked in. Fire fighting equipment was unable to gain access to that area, had a wild fire started which could have become a real threat to Cambria. There is also a communication vault and tower which must be accessed by using these bridges that Cal Fire, SLO Co. sheriff, Calif. OES, CHP, and a state wide repeater system which services the North Coast and North County, the fact that this communication sight could not be accessed could put a large number of live in harms way. The new bridges could have been useable by now had the project been started when the SLO County approved the project. Are the appellants ready to take on the burden that a few trees are worth lives or property that could be lost due to their appeal? I would urge your Commission to deny the appeal and approve the San Simeon Creek bridge replacement as approved by the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

  
Walter Fitzhugh

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Mr. Patrick Krueer  
 Chairman, Coastal Commission  
 7727 Herschel Ave  
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October 3, 2008

Re: Two Bridges in Cambria, Appeal # A-3-SLO-07-059

Dear Sir;

Mr. Krueer, please help us. We hope you are aware of the critical need for replacement bridges on San Simeon Creek Road in Cambria. Built in 1967, the bridges have out lived their useful life and, in fact, state inspectors declared them unsafe and closed them on Monday, September 29, 2008. SLO County is doing an excellent job in providing emergency repairs to make the bridges passable temporarily, for light vehicles. The SLO County Board of Supervisors approved the bridges for replacement on October 2, 2007. However, the Sierra Club's Santa Lucia Chapter, Land-Watch of San Luis Obispo and two Coastal Commission Commissioners sent an appeal to the Coastal Commission in November 2007. As far as we have been able to determine little to no action has been initiated since the appeal. Residents believe that as of Monday, the replacement bridge project has changed from one of "business as usual" to an emergency.

All of the practical reasons for new bridges were articulated during the SLO County approval process: safety of residents, guests and tourists; maintaining the only evacuation route in case of a natural disaster like fire or earthquake; access to maintain the county and statewide emergency communications equipment as well as access for fire, sheriff and ambulance vehicles. Additionally, we thought the County addressed the ecological issues, including replacing all trees and bushes, significantly beyond those affected, as well as fixing the existing erosion and stream bank issues. We believe the natural environment will be as good or better after the new bridges are completed. As you know, the size of the bridges is the key issue, but since the Federal Government is funding 88% of the \$3.7 million estimated costs; they dictate the type, size and specifications for the bridges. If the revised design submitted by the county is not acceptable, please work together to expedite an acceptable alternative, including associated funding options. If there are no superior alternatives then we need to move ahead with the existing design. Residents expect both agencies to work together to replace the bridges.

Current hardships for residents include difficulty in getting to and from work each day, access to the grocery store, doctor appointments and all the other normal activities of life taken for granted until you have no way to leave your neighborhood. A few residents have serious medical issues, one requires frequent chemotherapy. Several are elderly and have a difficult time as it is without the inconvenience of non-functional bridges. A family with a one-year-old baby was pushing their stroller along the road to get back to their home. An avocado grower had to make many trips in a small truck to get his product to market because the bridges will not support the weight of his large truck loaded with ripe avocados. One woman was driven, by county workers to San Luis Obispo to rent a car to get to work. Fire engines will not be able to cross the bridges, even after the temporary fixes, because of weight. Additionally, medical emergencies, whether in an ambulance or a resident attempting to drive to a medical facility are slowed significantly and response from the Sheriff is hampered because of poor bridge conditions. While the county, Coastal Commission, state bridge inspectors and other officials debate with organizations like the Sierra Club and others about the technicalities of replacing old bridges, residents lives are made more difficult. Our government and its agencies have not provided for safe transportation. Only the residents are paying the price for this lengthy appeal process.

We all hope and pray you understand this is a critical health and safety issue for residents. We understand the appeal is primarily about environmental concerns and bridge appearance issues. All of us support and love nature, which is why we live here. There must be a common sense approach, a balance that can be achieved between nature and human needs. Please expedite approval of the replacement bridges so we residents can be assured of access for emergency medical services, fire protection, Sheriff, as well as the county and state emergency communications facilities that serve the entire state. We are only requesting the same services that

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you and all Americans are fortunate to have. Please let common sense prevail, prioritizing your workload with the resource constraints we all live with, to take on the really important environmental issues along California's beautiful coast. Please provide a timely resolution so new bridge construction can occur so our neighborhood can enjoy the same transportation conveniences you and others enjoy.

Please help us! We all enjoy nature, but at this point, we believe human health and safety must prevail. Please approve the replacement bridges as soon as possible so that SLO County can plan for the actual construction. Please feel free to contact Shirley Bianchi at 805-927-8006 if additional information from residents is required. Also, our community has a web site, rockybutteassociation.org, to keep us all informed regarding the bridges.

Thank You,

Residents, San Simeon Creek Road

Cc All Coastal Commission Commissioners, All SLO County Supervisors, Coastal Commission staff/Legal Division, Peter Douglas, Steve Hearst

All residents listed below support the content and intent of this letter and many were able to sign below.

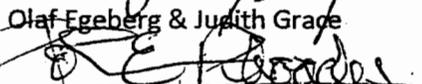
  
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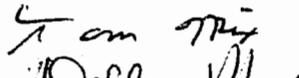
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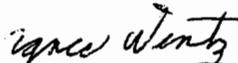
  
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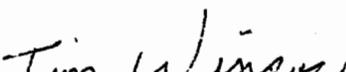
  
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**CC:** "Dan Rudolph Stanford" <rudolph\_dan@gsb.stanford.edu>, "Mario Mendoza"  
<kaliman4450@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** Thu, 2 Oct 2008 21:25:07 -0700  
**Subject:**  FW: Bridge Letter

Dear Ann,

Mario Mendoza forwarded your letter to me. My family (my two sisters and I, and our husbands) owns Stepladder Ranch. I would be happy to sign your letter, on behalf of myself and the 5 other owners of the ranch. Our concerns about the bridges are the same as those stated in your letter – fire safety, safe passage, etc. We also have additional specific concerns as they relate to our business:

Avocado growers in our area have had a particularly difficult two years. 2007 was the year of the freeze, and many growers lost all of that year's crop, plus the next. 2008 is the year of the heat wave, where growers suffered more devastating losses. We are trying to keep our business going because we love what we do. Mario has surely understated what he had to go through to move the roughly \$50,000 of avocados that were already picked and were awaiting pick up by Mission Produce when the bridge was closed. Two of our employees worked through the night, moving more than 30,000 pounds of avocados down San Simeon Creek Road, and dumping them by the side of the road. They finished at 6:00am. Mission worked with us and supplied a small trailer and truck that we could use. Further, they sent a special truck to collect the fruit at 6:30am. Had they not done this, it would have been catastrophic for us. We still have fruit waiting to be picked on our trees. We are waiting for the temporary bridge to be opened before we can pick that fruit. Again, any delays in this process will cause us serious harm. We have a short window of time to pick that fruit and get it to the packing house. We are very nervous right now, as we wait for the temporary structures to be completed.

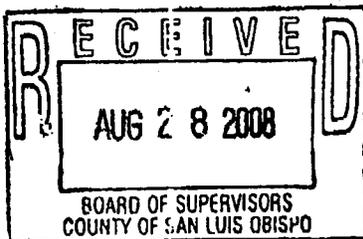
Unfortunately, the bridges being installed today are only a very short term solution for us. They will allow us, hopefully, to get the small amount that remains of this year's harvest to market. The temporary bridges will not allow us to conduct our business in a reasonable fashion in the future. The maximum weight allowed on those temporary bridges is not ANY WHERE close to what is necessary to haul fruit down the road. We can not run a business where we have to move fruit in small loads like we did this week. We need a bridge which will support a realistic load, and we need it now.

Please feel free to call me if you would like to discuss this further. Also, please add me to your email list. I was planning to write a letter myself this evening, and I really appreciate you doing it for me. It has been a stressful week for all of us.

Best regards,

Anne Rudolph  
(650) 324-3497

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Charles Lester  
 Deputy Director  
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Dear Mr. Lester,

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The emergency radio communication  
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Without the availability of heavy  
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Please give this important project  
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Sincerely

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Sincerely, Mercia & John Rhoades

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August 6, 2008

Dear Mr. Rmer,

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As a homeowner and resident of San Simon Creek Road, above the bridges and near the top of the ridge, I have serious concerns about the ability to get help up here or to get out in the event of an emergency. Our bridges are quaint and charming. We all love them, but we recognize that for our safety, they need to be replaced, and the sooner the better. I understand that there is an issue with some endangered wildlife that is holding up the bridge construction project. As important as

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# San Simeon Creek Road Bridges Cambria

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Bridging the Decades, Cambria **CCC Exhibit 7** Marcia  
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# Dragon Spring Farm

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Charles Lester, Deputy Director  
California Coastal Commission  
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Re: San Simeon Creek Bridges

Dear Mr. Lester,

I am the chairman of the North Coast Farm Center, the local unit of the Farm Bureau. We have discussed the San Simeon bridges at the last three of our quarterly meetings. A significant portion of approximately 150 Farm Center members attended each of these meetings. A number of these folks depend on San Simeon Creek Road to get to and from their homes or for their livelihood.

Our agenda included a detailed presentation on the proposed new bridge from the SLO County Public Works Department. This presentation made it clear that complying with local, state and federal regulations, including those under the jurisdiction of the Coastal Commission, dominated the design and placement of the new bridge.

Discussion following this presentation and at subsequent meetings was far ranging, but it was clear that those in attendance were of a single mind; the new bridge must go forward as soon as possible. I can recollect only a few of the points made in favor of a new facility:

- Existing bridges are in poor condition and a significant rainfall, such as we on the Central Coast encounter every few years, could wash them out.
- The current structures are not rated to sufficient weight to support much of Cal Fire's emergency equipment.
- Fish and Game will now allow such equipment to cross the creek.
- A wildfire – such as those seen all over the state this year – would endanger local residents and could easily spread to Cambria, a potential tinderbox, if not stopped.
- Local farmers and ranchers must use small equipment to get produce and livestock to collections points between highway one and the bridges. The produce and livestock must then be transferred to commercial equipment.

No one in attendance was opposed to the proposed new bridge. A unanimous motion at our January meeting led to the letter that I have enclosed.

Our more recent discussions focused on the importance and immediacy of this matter. The SLO County Board of Supervisors recognized this urgency when they unanimously approved the project. Appeals from the Sierra Club and other organizations claiming to represent local residents are, at best, overstated and circumvent the facts. The Coastal Commission must act on this matter to comply with to the urgency it demands.

This is a dire situation. The county has done a wonderful job in designing a new bridge that complies with regulations and the spirit of the law. Please let us get on with it.

Sincerely yours,



Michael Broadhurst, Chair, North Coast Farm Center

cc: Patrick Kruer, Chair, Coastal Commission  
Khatchik Achadjian, Commissioner  
Bruce Gibson, Supervisor  
Mark Moore, Farm Bureau President

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***NORTH COAST FARM CENTER***  
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Dear Commissioners,

Our North Coast Farm Center, the local unit of the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau that includes San Simeon, voted at their last quarterly meeting to request that the Coastal Commission to support our Board of Supervisors and deny the appeal against the replacement of the San Simeon Creek Bridges.

The replacement of these two 39 year-old failing bridges is critical and urgent. Emergency vehicles, such as Cambria and Cal Fire engines cannot cross these bridges because of weight limitations.

The San Simeon Creek Bridges are important to dozens of people who regularly travel San Simeon Creek Road, but also important to the whole North Coast. A wide range of communications and safety centers are located beyond them. These include the radio and support equipment for the CHP, County/Cal-Fire, the ambulance companies, California Department of Fish and Game, SLO County Public Works and Animal Services, and the Office of Emergency Services. If these two bridges were to fail – by high water or fire – communications centers could not reach thousands of people in danger.

If you uphold this appeal, the delay in the replacement of these bridges will take a minimum of two years.

The design phase must start over, at great cost... other agencies must have input and participate in the approval. Any new proposal must again come before your commission.

Please review the already approved end result, which has minimized land and environmental disturbance.

We hope you will agree with our 150 North Coast Farm Center members and deny the appeal of the San Simeon Creek Bridge replacement for which Federal matching funds are pending. Any redesign will be expensive, time-consuming, and of little effect. The health and safety of our North Coast citizens must take precedent over special interests.

Thank you for considering our input.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Broadhurst, Chairman

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**Jonathan Bishop**

**From:** Shirley Bianchi [ponypasture@hughes.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2008 12:17 PM  
**To:** Charles Lester  
**Cc:** Dan Carl; Jonathan Bishop  
**Subject:** Re: Bridges

*Charles -- Thank you for responding so quickly, since I know how busy you are. Those of us who live up gradient from these bridges believe that some at Coastal do not understand either the demographics nor topography of this canyon. We have read that San Simeon Creek Road dead ends about 8 miles inland. The county maintained portion of the road dead ends there with a locked gate, because from that gate on all the way to Jolon the road crosses private property including, but not limited to the Hearst Ranch. There are a number of people who live full time behind the gate, and others who own cabins for weekend retreats from life in general.*

*Although we are rightly concerned about the bridges not holding up during heavy winter rains, which has happened in the past when the prior bridges washed out, in the last few years the wooden bridges, particularly the Pedotti bridge, have deteriorated to the point that heavy fully loaded fire equipment cannot cross over them. At that point, the channel is so narrow that a low bed truck cannot unload, then cross the dry creek bed and load up on the other side to get heavy equipment into the back country during a fire. Not to be hysterical, but if a fire were to start up in the hills above us, with no crews or equipment able to reach it, if the wind is down canyon the town of Cambria would be endangered, and if the other direction, Paso Robles, Templeton and/or Atascadero would be endangered.*

*We are also concerned with the environmental damage that will occur during the winter after the fire, if there were one, to not only the creeks but also the marine environment in the Monterey Marine Sanctuary. As you well know, there are many creeks that drain into the Sanctuary marine habitat that will be carrying ash, grime, debris and mud. The damage to the elephant seal habitat will be considerable as well.*

*Needless to say, we find all of this concern over a tree or two, native vegetation, and the rural character of the neighborhood to be a bit short-sighted. If a fire such as the Basin Complex fire were to get loose down here, which it has in the past in the early 1960's, there will be little left of the total tree population, native vegetation, to say nothing of the rural character of the neighborhood.*

*We understand that Coastal has received letters of concern from the North Coast Advisory Council, as well as our local Fire Chief, Bob Putney. Our local organization, The Rocky Butte Association, consisting of land owners in the San Simeon Creek Watershed, have formed a sub-committee to address the fire issue. I am Chair of that sub-committee, and we will be in contact over time.*

*Once again, thank you for responding so quickly.*

Shirley Bianchi

4375 San Simeon Creek Road  
 Cambria, CA 93428  
 805-927-8006

| - --- Original Message ---  
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Re: San Simeon Creek Bridges Replacement

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Dear Mr. Bishop;

Thank you for the information you provided on the telephone last week, you were very helpful. I understand that SLO County is currently preparing alternatives for replacing the two 40+ year old, unsafe bridges on San Simeon Creek Road. The only issue with the County's original proposal, approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 2, 2007, is with the large size of the bridges, given the rural setting. I understood you to say that no one is challenging the need for new bridges, but rather just the size of the new bridges, which had to conform to federal requirements for new bridges to qualify for significant (88% of the cost) federal funding. Thus, the challenge for the Coastal Commission is to balance replacing the bridges in a timely manner to ensure public safety, while considering alternative smaller bridges and practical funding.

As you know, the SLO Board of Supervisors approved the replacement of the two bridges after extensive study by county bridge experts and several public hearings. All of the practical reasons for new bridges were clearly articulated by SLO County: safety of residents, guests and tourists; maintaining the only evacuation route in case of a natural disaster like fire or earthquake; access to the ridge-top for maintaining county and statewide emergency communications equipment and access for fire, sheriff and ambulance vehicles. Additionally, the County has completely addressed all ecological issues. This includes replacing all trees and bushes, significantly beyond those affected, as well as fixing the existing erosion and stream bank issues. On December 5, 2007, the San Luis Obispo Tribune, printed an editorial concisely stating why the project should proceed, see attachment.

I am a resident who utilizes both bridges several times a week and believes the bridges are currently unsafe. Additionally, commercial size trucks, which exceed the limits of the current bridges, do cross the bridges periodically. If either bridge fails, there is risk to the individuals on the bridge at the time of the failure, as well as, to residents of San Simeon Creek Road because it is the only access for all of us who live above the bridges. Time is of the essence, as it has already been over seven months since SLO County approval, the rainy season arrives in December and it appears there has been little action by the Coastal Commission.

While I appreciate and understand the request for smaller bridges, I hope that public safety is the ultimate priority. Therefore, I request that the alternatives be evaluated in a timely manner so the selected bridge design can be installed prior to the next rainy season. There must be a balance between bridge aesthetics, cost and public safety. The solution the County originally proposed meets the needs of cost and safety, so it appears the only issue is the appearance of the bridges. Therefore, I assume the Coastal Commission will act responsibly and achieve a timely resolution that meets the needs of the citizens of San Luis Obispo County. My primary goal and request is for the safety of my family and neighbors who travel this road daily.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any help in getting the replacement bridges approved or if I can have an opportunity to speak to the Coastal Commission. I would like to receive information regarding the bridges, as well as, when the California Coastal Commission meeting(s) will take place to discuss and approve the San Simeon Creek Bridge replacement project.

Thank You,



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We're convinced there would be little to gain from such a review.

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The current wooden bridges, built in 1967, are 40 years old and have had temporary footings since heavy rains and flooding in the area in 1995. Flooding in 1986 caused the major center support pier of one bridge to drop 6 inches.

In 2003, plans were made to replace the bridges. At that time, it was thought the bridges would be replaced in 2005 at a cost of \$1.7 million.

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Here are some of the concerns:

- The bridges are "just too big";
- They will change the rural character of the area;
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- The project will harm the creek area habitat.

But according to the county's environmental review, the long-term effects of the project — such as erosion control, stream-bank stabilization and revegetation, including tree replacement, will be equal to or better than what exists now.

We strongly urge the commission not to allow a needless delay of a project that's vital to the safety of North Coast residents.

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RE: San Simeon Creek Bridges

Dear Jonathan Bishop, Coastal Planner;

The North Coast Advisory Council requests the California Coastal Commission review the appeal (San Luis Obispo County Public Works Number ED06-154) on the replacement of the bridges on San Simeon Creek Road (CalTrans Bridge No. 49C-252 and CalTrans Bridge No. 49C-101) as soon as possible. The replacement of the two bridges on San Simeon Creek Road are of great community concern: the bridges are unsafe and in need of replacement, and the project needs to be approved as soon as possible to retain federal funding. The new bridges are required to support the safe transport of fire fighting equipment into the area and to allow maintenance trucks to reach the Rocky Butte radio repeater that is used by all Cambria and County public safety departments. The current bridges are not safe for some fire equipment and will soon be unsafe for all fire equipment." This project (DRC2005-00273) was reviewed and approved by the NCAC in August 2006.

Sincerely,

*Carol Broadhurst*

Carol Broadhurst, Corresponding Secretary

Cc: California Coastal Commissioners  
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Dear Sir;

I understand that you are both a member of the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors and the California Coastal Commission. You are in a unique position to help me and the other residents. Because we must use the two bridges, on San Simeon Creek Road every day, we feel they need to be replaced as soon as possible. As you know, the SLO Board of Supervisors has already approved the replacement of the two bridges after extensive study by county bridge experts, several public hearings and thorough deliberation. I am writing to ask that you support and expedite the replacement of the two deteriorating, 40 year old bridges on San Simeon Creek Road. My wife and I live above both of the bridges and, like every other resident up here, of which many spoke in support of the new bridges at the SLO County Board of Supervisors meeting on October 2, 2007, see the urgent need for new bridges.

All of the practical reasons for new bridges have been clearly articulated by SLO County: safety of residents, guests and tourists; maintaining the only evacuation route in case of a natural disaster like fire or earthquake; access to the ridge-top for maintaining all of the county and state-wide emergency communications equipment and access for fire, sheriff and ambulance vehicles for residents. Additionally, the County has completely addressed the ecological issues. This includes replacing all trees and bushes, significantly beyond those affected, as well as fixing the existing erosion and stream bank issues. The environment will be as good or better after the new bridges are completed. As you know, the size of the bridges is the key issue, but since the Federal Government is funding 88% of the costs; they dictate the type, size and specifications for the bridges. If either the Coastal Commission, any individuals opposing the bridges or the environmental groups, wants to pay 88% of the \$3.7 million or get the Feds to change their requirements, that would be wonderful. But the replacement of the two bridges should not be delayed any longer, because these groups probably do not want to be responsible for the lack of safety the two bridges currently represent to me, my neighbors, locals, tourists and county and state employees.

It is time to replace the 40 year old bridges and, in my humble opinion, it is not appropriate for the Coastal Commission, as requested by environmental groups, to re-study what SLO County has already spent thousands of tax payer dollars on as part of their in-depth review, design and approval processes. The San Luis Obispo Tribune printed an editorial concisely stating the facts and why the project should proceed, on December 5, 2007, see attachment. I donate significant sums to several environmental organizations, so I help support their existence and overall mission. But, the environmental groups, who are delaying the inevitable replacement of the bridges, must not understand all of the remediation the County is providing, to minimize any environmental impact and are elevating a minor, short term disturbance to a very small area, over public safety.

I strongly recommend and hope that you will convince the Coastal Commission to please not re-review the proposed two new bridges, but rather let the replacement project go forward without further delay. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any help in getting the replacement bridges approved or if I can have an opportunity to speak to the Coastal Commission.

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