SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Resolution 2004-01

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association opposes working cattle ranches being acquired by public agencies, causing said working ranches to be removed from property tax rolls;

WHEREAS, in place of acquisitions by public agencies, the San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association supports voluntary agricultural conservation easements being placed on working ranches to promote the protection of working ranch landscapes;

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Fish & Game has suffered major reductions to its operating budget, significantly reducing the department's ability to properly manage its existing inventory of over one (1) million acres in the state;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association is strongly opposed to the California Department of Fish & Game acquiring working cattle ranches, specifically the Chimineas Ranch in San Luis Obispo County.

This resolution is unanimously passed by board vote, February 11, 2004.