

**Comment 1 for San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Burning Assessment  
(sjvagburn21) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Cynthia

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Email Address: Non-web submitted comment

Affiliation: CVAQ

Subject: Comment Letter - San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Burning Assessment

Comment:

Please see attached.

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**Comment 2 for San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Burning Assessment  
(sjvagburn21) - Non-Reg.**

First Name: Mark

Last Name: Rose

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Affiliation: National Parks Conservation Association

Subject: Coalition Agricultural Burning Comment

Comment:

Please see attached.

Attachment: 'www.arb.ca.gov/lists/com-attach/2-sjvagburn21-WihQOVYkVGILwFx.pdf'

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**Comment 3 for San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Burning Assessment  
(sjvagburn21) - Non-Reg.**

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Last Name: Gemperle

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Affiliation:

Subject: CARB Meeting Comments on Ag Burning

Comment:

Please see attached.

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**Comment 1 for San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Burning Assessment  
(sjvagburn21). (At Hearing)**

First Name: Cheryl

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Affiliation: Nisei Farmers League

Subject: Ag Burn Letter

Comment:

Letter emailed to CARB, see attached.

Attachment: [www.arb.ca.gov/lists/com-attach/4-sjvagburn21-UTdUNwdkBQkKPgM3.pdf](http://www.arb.ca.gov/lists/com-attach/4-sjvagburn21-UTdUNwdkBQkKPgM3.pdf)

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## **Comment 2 for San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Burning Assessment (sjvagburn21). (At Hearing)**

First Name: Anthony

Last Name: Stornetta

Email Address: astornetts@gmail.com

Affiliation: San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Assoc

Subject: San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Burning Assessment

Comment:

I respectfully request that the Board move to adopt the staff recommendation to adopt the gradual phasing out of open agricultural burning in the San Joaquin Valley, by January 1, 2025. The eventual elimination of agricultural burning cannot be met without significant financial support from the State of California to meet this moment. Burning alternatives, such as the chipping of trees, pruning and vines, requires new capital investments in machinery, or expanded opportunities for biomass energy generation or the creation of renewable fuels, requires new capital for infrastructure. As farming operations vary in size and sophistication, we must ensure equity of access for the tools required to eventually meet the 2025 goal.

Further, as a farmer, special circumstances may arise on-farm that would require some latitude for limited burning. This would include the immediate destruction of diseased materials, ordered removals by an agricultural commissioner or state official, and could include agricultural related material as weeds, vegetative material on rice field levees; apple, pear and quince prunings and orchard removal, weeds affecting levees and banks, and diseased beehives. A level of flexibility is required to deal with unforeseen and unpredictable matters that occur with farming.

Alternatives to open agricultural burning are needed, as are the commitments from those involved to find a workable solution.

Anthony Stornetta

President- SLO County Cattlemen's Association

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### **Comment 3 for San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Burning Assessment (sjvagburn21). (At Hearing)**

First Name: Anthony

Last Name: Molina

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Affiliation:

Subject: 21-1-6: Public Meeting to Consider the San Joaquin Valley 2020 Agricultural Burning Assess

Comment:

As a physician I am very aware of the serious short term and long term health impacts of particulate air pollution on residents of the the Central Valley, and as a long term resident of the Central Valley have personally experienced these impacts on my own health. Residents have been waiting nearly 20 years for relief. Further delay can no longer be passively tolerated. I would support a Carl Moyer type program to assist farmers in transitioning from open field burning. Please help end the antiquated farming practice of ag burning that is robbing residents of the ability to breath clean air and which I jeopardizing their cardiorespiratory health, especially with increasing impacts of climate change and drought that both reduce precipitation to clear the air of smoke and increases wildfire smoke for many months of the year. Keep the carbon in the ground, not in our air.

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**Comment 4 for San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Burning Assessment  
(sjvagburn21). (At Hearing)**

First Name: Elaine

Last Name: Trevino

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Affiliation: Almond Alliance of California

Subject: Public Meeting to Consider the San Joaquin Valley 2020 Agricultural Burning Assess  
Comment:

Please see attached comments to be submitted into the formal record  
on this item. Thank you.

Attachment: [www.arb.ca.gov/lists/com-attach/7-sjvagburn21-VjBXNFMwVVIXY1Rh.pdf](http://www.arb.ca.gov/lists/com-attach/7-sjvagburn21-VjBXNFMwVVIXY1Rh.pdf)

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**Comment 5 for San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Burning Assessment  
(sjvagburn21). (At Hearing)**

First Name: nancy

Last Name: petersen

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Affiliation:

Subject: Agricultural burning Assessment

Comment:

I am a small farmer in a disadvantaged community and feel that we should go with staff recommendations to phase out slowly ag burning and please try to make funds available for grants that will help the small farmers purchase wood chippers. We are being hit hard right now in all areas of ag and need all the help we can get. One thing we did see during the shutdown of the entire Bay Area as our air looked amazing even though farming continued. Please work toward a slow and thought-out phase out with adequate grant money  
Thank you for your time

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## **Comment 6 for San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Burning Assessment (sjvagburn21). (At Hearing)**

First Name: Tricia

Last Name: Stever Blattler

Email Address: pstever@tulcofb.org

Affiliation: Tulare County Farm Bureau Educational an

Subject: We Support the Staff Recommendation

Comment:

RE: Item 20- 21-1-6: Public Meeting to Consider the San Joaquin Valley 2020 Agricultural Burning Assessment

The Tulare County Farm Bureau represents over 1,200 farm and ranch members and their respective businesses in Tulare County. We are issuing comments on the February 25 agenda item 21-1-6, the Agricultural Burning Assessment.

We respectfully request that the Board move to adopt the staff recommendation to adopt the gradual phasing out of open agricultural burning in the San Joaquin Valley, by January 1, 2025. The eventual elimination of agricultural burning cannot be met without significant financial support from the State of California to meet this moment.

Burning alternatives, such as the chipping of trees, pruning and vines, requires new capital investments in machinery, or expanded opportunities for biomass energy generation or the creation of renewable fuels, requires new capital for infrastructure. As farming operations vary in size and sophistication, we must ensure equity of access for the tools required to eventually meet the 2025 goal.

Sincerely,

Tricia Stever Blattler  
Executive Director

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Date and Time Comment Was Submitted: 2021-02-25 10:12:36

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## **Comment 7 for San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Burning Assessment (sjvagburn21). (At Hearing)**

First Name: Tricia

Last Name: Stever Blattler

Email Address: pstever@tulcofb.org

Affiliation: Tulare County Farm Bureau

Subject: We Support the Staff Recommendation on the Ag Burn Recommendation to Extend the Phase out

Comment:

RE: Item 20- 21-1-6: Public Meeting to Consider the San Joaquin Valley 2020 Agricultural Burning Assessment

The Tulare County Farm Bureau represents over 1,200 farm and ranch members and their respective businesses in Tulare County. We are issuing comments on the February 25 agenda item 21-1-6, the Agricultural Burning Assessment.

We respectfully request that the Board move to adopt the staff recommendation to adopt the gradual phasing out of open agricultural burning in the San Joaquin Valley, by January 1, 2025. The eventual elimination of agricultural burning cannot be met without significant financial support from the State of California to meet this moment.

Burning alternatives, such as the chipping of trees, pruning and vines, requires new capital investments in machinery, or expanded opportunities for biomass energy generation or the creation of renewable fuels, requires new capital for infrastructure. As farming operations vary in size and sophistication, we must ensure equity of access for the tools required to eventually meet the 2025 goal.

Sincerely,

Tricia Stever Blattler  
Executive Director

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## **Comment 8 for San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Burning Assessment (sjvagburn21). (At Hearing)**

First Name: Tricia

Last Name: Blattler

Email Address: tricia.blattler@yahoo.com

Affiliation:

Subject: I Support the Staff Recommendation on the Ag Burn Recommendation to Extend the Phase out

Comment:

I respectfully request that the Board move to adopt the staff recommendation to adopt the gradual phasing out of open agricultural burning in the San Joaquin Valley, by January 1, 2025. The eventual elimination of agricultural burning cannot be met without significant financial support from the State of California to meet this moment. Burning alternatives, such as the chipping of trees, pruning and vines, requires new capital investments in machinery, or expanded opportunities for biomass energy generation or the creation of renewable fuels, requires new capital for infrastructure. As farming operations vary in size and sophistication, we must ensure equity of access for the tools required to eventually meet the 2025 goal.

Further, as someone that works in the agriculture sector I can attest, special circumstances may arise on-farm that would require some latitude for limited burning. This would include the immediate destruction of diseased materials, ordered removals by an agricultural commissioner or state official, and could include agricultural related material as weeds, vegetative material on rice field levees; apple, pear and quince prunings and orchard removal, weeds affecting levees and banks, and diseased beehives. A level of flexibility is required to deal with unforeseen and unpredictable matters that occur with farming.

Alternatives to open agricultural burning are needed, as are the commitments from those involved to find a workable solution.

Thank you,  
Tricia Blattler

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## **Comment 9 for San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Burning Assessment (sjvagburn21). (At Hearing)**

First Name: John

Last Name: Guthrie

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Affiliation: Guthrie Ranches

Subject: I Support the Staff Recommendation on the Ag Burn Recommendation to Extend the Phase out

Comment:

I am a cattle rancher and farmer in Tulare County.

Ag Burning has long been a solution for the removal of orchard materials, tree prunings, diseased materials, and a cost effective means of helping revitalize orchards and vineyards in the San Joaquin Valley. This long standing process we recognize must be modernized, and alternatives established.

I respectfully request that the Board move to adopt the staff recommendation to adopt the gradual phasing out of open agricultural burning in the San Joaquin Valley, by January 1, 2025. The eventual elimination of agricultural burning cannot be met without significant financial support from the State of California to meet this moment. Burning alternatives, such as the chipping of trees, pruning and vines, requires new capital investments in machinery, or expanded opportunities for biomass energy generation or the creation of renewable fuels, requires new capital for infrastructure. As farming operations vary in size and sophistication, we must ensure equity of access for the tools required to eventually meet the 2025 goal.

Further, as a diversified farmer, I know special circumstances may arise on-farm that would require some latitude for limited burning. This would include the immediate destruction of diseased materials, ordered removals by an agricultural commissioner or state official, and could include agricultural related material as weeds, vegetative material on rice field levees; apple, pear and quince prunings and orchard removal, weeds affecting levees and banks, and diseased beehives. A level of flexibility is required to deal with unforeseen and unpredictable matters that occur with farming.

Citrus orchards need to be able to effectively eradicate outbreaks of deadly pests like the Asian Psyllid, and when SGMA changes the water allocations to our valley farms, we will need additional tools to manage the conversion of lands that best adapt to changing climate conditions and water supplies.

Alternatives to open agricultural burning are needed, as are the commitments from those involved to find a workable solution.

The SJVAPCD works well with the agriculture community and we respectfully request this phase out in accordance with the staff recommendation.

Thank you.

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## **Comment 10 for San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Burning Assessment (sjvagburn21). (At Hearing)**

First Name: Zack

Last Name: Stuller

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Affiliation: High Sierra Ag inc.

Subject: We Support the Staff Recommendation

Comment:

I am a custom farm operator in Tulare County, and farm acreage both small and large acreage for many different types of crops.

I provide farm management services for orchards, vineyards, row crops, and perform ground work, and re-develop ground for new plantings.

Burning is a practice that has been around for the last 160 years, and as Mr. Florez stated, it has a long history in California as a tool for farmers.

Recognizing that we face many business and environmental regulations in this state, we appreciate the SJVAPCD's willingness to work with us on a progressive phase out. Another 3 years will be critical for us to adapt.

Small farms bear a disproportionate burden in finding a cost effective alternative. There is no equity in this process when your acreage base is so small that redevelopment costs become out of reach.

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act also creates a lot of uncertainty about planting new orchards, re-developing old acres, and removing trees and vines. Lack of water in the Central Valley will change the landscape of our future planting strategies, and removing the option to burn creates a significant economic hardship.

I have 3 small children, my home is in Tulare County, and I live along the eastern farm belt and enjoy the beautiful views of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. I want clean air for my children too, but I also have to have a range of tools for my farming business and for my clients.

I support the phase out over the next three years, and support the staff report to phase out through 2025 while the industry works with the state and the SJVAPCD to find funding incentives and cost effective alternatives.

Thank you.

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**Comment 11 for San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Burning Assessment  
(sjvagburn21). (At Hearing)**

First Name: Brent

Last Name: Holtz

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Affiliation:

Subject: Powerpoint - Brent Holtz

Comment:

See attached.

Attachment: [www.arb.ca.gov/lists/com-attach/14-sjvagburn21-BWdXI1YyVWhVJ1UK.pdf](http://www.arb.ca.gov/lists/com-attach/14-sjvagburn21-BWdXI1YyVWhVJ1UK.pdf)

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**Comment 12 for San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Burning Assessment  
(sjvagburn21). (At Hearing)**

First Name: Hannah

Last Name: Gill

Email Address: hannah@arrowheadforestrymulching.com

Affiliation:

Subject: Comments on the Ag Burn extension phase out

Comment:

See attached.

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**Comment 13 for San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Burning Assessment  
(sjvagburn21). (At Hearing)**

First Name: Tricia

Last Name: Blattler

Email Address: pstever@tulcofb.org

Affiliation:

Subject: CARB Ag Burn Letter 2-20201

Comment:

See attached.

Attachment: [www.arb.ca.gov/lists/com-attach/16-sjvagburn21-WzhVMIIhBzZSCwhp.pdf](http://www.arb.ca.gov/lists/com-attach/16-sjvagburn21-WzhVMIIhBzZSCwhp.pdf)

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