

Conclusion

- In light of a current proposal involving the proposed sphere of influence and annexation of prime agricultural lands west of the City of Lompoc, it is timely for the Commission to review, and pontifically revise its Agricultural and Open Space Policies.
- Regulation of land use is reserved by State law for units of general government, i.e. cities and counties. These agencies act through general and specific plans, zoning and entitlements. However, although the Commission does not have land use authority, it can withhold its approval of boundary changes, based on the need for agricultural buffers or conditions relative to the adequate provision of public services. More particularly, the Commission can base its decisions on strong agricultural and open space policies.