

September 23, 2015

Mr. John Armor, Acting Director  
NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Program  
1305 East-West Highway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Silver spring, MD 20910

RE: Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary

Dear Mr. Armor:

As a landowner and farmer on the Central Coast for the past 30 plus years, I am writing you to express my strong opposition to the proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary. Sanctuary status will negatively impact local agriculture and fishing. It will not prevent offshore oil drilling and will not have a positive impact on the local economy.

There are currently at least eleven US Federal and nine California State Statutes and Regulations that protect the California Central Coast. There is no need for additional regulations that would erode local control and add another layer of unnecessary regulation, bureaucracy and expense, all to the detriment of the local communities.

The local communities take great pride in their stewardship of the waterways, ocean and beaches they have been so blessed with. I ask your thoughtful consideration to maintain the current regulations and ensure that the Central Coast is not burdened with the consequences the Sanctuary designation would bring.

Sincerely,

Douglas R. Circle

cc: William Douros  
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