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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Scott Allen and I started the Bitney Springs Firewise Community that includes the properties on 12515 Personeni Lane and Bitney Springs Road. We have had numerous fires in our area (49er Fire, Tronter) and in the last two years we have had two large fires, the Lobo Fire and two weeks ago the Jones Bar Fire. In all of these cases, the irrigated pastures that Jim Gates uses for feeding his cattle, also doubles as our Temporary Refuge Zones.

<https://www.theunion.com/news/better-safe-than-bitney-springs-community-holds-fire-safety-drill-to-prepare-for-wildfire/>

<https://www.abc10.com/article/news/camp-fire-was-a-wakeup-call-for-communities-to-be-better-prepared-for-fire-season/103-7acffa4c-6c9a-432d-8392-985c6c3d3d02>

This land is a valuable asset to our entire community as we know that during a wind-driven fire we will not be able to outrun a fire traveling at 50 MPH or faster. We know we can use these green irrigated pasture land to save our life and property in a fire. We have had practice fire drill drills where we go to these fields, knowing they may be our only hope of survival. As a leader in my community, I am asking you to approve the Willaimson Act for their properties. As someone who has raised cattle, I am in full support of family farms where cattle are treated humanely and allowed to live and graze in our wide-open spaces. These pastures supply beef for our local stores and restaurants. On Friday 8/28/20 I had the pleasure of touring the Bitney Springs Firewise Community with registered forester Darion Davison and Allen Doerr as they are providing the written assessment report to the Fire Wise Council for submittal to the NFPA. They were in full agreement of what a valuable community asset the Personeni Lane Irrigated pasture provides to our community. We are lucky to have such a valuable resource. Please approve their request.

Sincerely,

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