Hoop Structure Ordinance:

The Board of Supervisors approved a revised Greenhouses, Hoop Structures, and Shade Structures Ordinance on April 9, 2019 after 11 months of work, primarily at the County Planning Commission. WE Watch, Buellton and Santa Rosa Road residents became involved in early summer 2018.

Protection of at least the SY Valley Design Overlay Control area, placing slope requirements on agriculture and extending riparian setbacks were all important issues for those of us asking for some balance between agricultural and neighbor needs. The Commission finally recommended and the Board approved:

*Land use permit if a hoop structure is proposed within the Valley’s Design Overlays (Alamo Pintado Rd, Highway 246 and portions of 154 and 101) and is more than 4,000 square feet and visible from public roadways or other areas of public use. Landscape screening cannot be considered when determining visibility.

*Land Use Permit if a hillside has more than a 25% slope

*Riparian setbacks to be 50 feet from bank and/or riparian habitat in Urban, Inner Rural or EDRN areas; 100 feet if in Rural areas.

This ordinance can be found at: countyofsb.org/plndev/projects/Hoopstructures.sbc

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