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Andrea Simao
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Re: Light Brown Apple Moth Sterile Insect Field Evaluation Project in Long Beach and San Diego, California – Environmental Assessment, January 2011

Dear Ms. Simao,

The San Diego County Farm Bureau wishes to express support for the Environmental Assessment for the above referenced light brown apple moth (LBAM) project. We are concerned about the presence of LBAM in our region and believe all means of control must be explored.

Unfortunately, LBAM is just one of a number of exotic pests that have been found in San Diego County. This amplifies the need for controls so that farmers and the public are not subject to the loss of crops and landscaping. The discovery of biological options must be paramount so that control is not 100 percent reliant on the use of chemicals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Larson', written in a cursive style.

Eric Larson
Executive Director