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Re:1-00-147 SON/ Campbell conversion

Dear Mr. Thompson;

It is true that the formal period of public comment has expired on the Negative Declaration. However new information as to a major change in the scale and scope of the project has come to light.

From conversations with personnel at the CDF office in Santa Rosa it has been noted that the applicants for the Campbell conversion request have been granted a less than 3 acre exemption. The exemption request regarded the desire of the parcel owners to develop a reservoir for use in supplying the irrigation needs of proposed vineyards to be planted on areas described in the conversion application.

The area being developed for the reservoir is not the site of the reservoir described in the filed conversion documents. There has not been any documentation or environmental review of this new reservoir or its alteration to the original irrigation plan/hydrological regime. The site being developed is within the harvest units described in the THP (1-00147 SON) and conversion plans.

This appears to be contrary to CEQA guidelines as it a "piecemealing" of the project. Please explain in writing why this exemption was granted and how the approval of this reservoir does not constitute pro forma approval of the conversion prior to its approval by the formal CEQA procedures and timetables. In addition please explain why this vital new component of the project has not been reviewed to determine its environmental effects.

Sincerely,

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