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**Subject: please reconsider conversion of native forests for wine growing**

Christopher Calfee

I question the wisdom of converting 1000 acres of woodland to area for vine growing. I personally would like to voice my opinion against it. In addition to the fact that so many oak trees are already being lost to sudden oak death, this sort of conversion will have a massive impact on habitat and ecology. I support the California Oak Foundation and am in agreement with their recent letter to you.

Thank you for listening,  
Adam Brodsley

July 15, 2009

Christopher Calfee, Special Counsel  
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Re: Proposed Guideline Amendments

Dear Mr. Calfee:

The California Oak Foundation (COF) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guideline amendments and our organization writes in full support of the current Initial Study checklist native forest guidance. These forestry amendments will elicit the oak woodlands information necessary for informed public participation and informed decision making regarding carbon biological emission impacts and proportional mitigation measures.

The Resources Agency approach to oak woodland carbon biological emissions analysis mirrors Oak Foundation recommendations to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and Governor's Office of Planning and Research. Essentially CEQA must: (1) alert local jurisdictions that there are carbon dioxide emission effects to be considered when native forests are converted to a non-forest land use; (2) identify the CARB Forest Protocols measurement methodology as the state-sanctioned standard for forest carbon analysis. As a practical matter, there is not now nor likely to be a CEQA forest carbon measurement alternative to the California grown forest protocols methodology.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and his administration are to be commended for placing a premium on conserving California's native forests by specifically recognizing the unique capacity of existing native trees to naturally sequester large quantities of CO<sub>2</sub> over time and the adverse public health effects of discharging that stored carbon back into the atmosphere when forests are unnaturally impacted. A living legacy for future generations will result from this astute decision.

Respectfully,  
Janet Cobb, President  
California Oak Foundation