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Subject: Adopt the language of the Initial Study checklist for forest resources

Dear Mr. Calfee,

I have read the current Initial Study checklist for forest resources contained in the "Initial Statement of Reasons for Regulatory Action -- Proposed Amendments to the State CEQA Guidelines Addressing Analysis and Mitigation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Pursuant to SB97." I urge the adoption of the language of the checklist for forest resources as it is now written.

I'm a retired PhD chemist devoting my efforts to the study and promotion of the various methods available to sequester carbon in order to decrease the current rates of global atmospheric deterioration. I have independently reached the same conclusion as that presented in the second paragraph of the section on Forest Resources. "Although some agricultural uses also provide carbon sequestration values, most agricultural uses do not provide as much sequestration as forest resources."

Please do not succumb to any business or industry lobbying group's pressures to alter the current language of the checklist for forest resources. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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