

## Letter 6

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### **Comment 6-1**

Commenter urges the adoption of amendments as proposed and supports comments made by the California Oak Foundation to halt conversion of native forests to non-forest uses.

### **Response 6-1**

The Natural Resources Agency notes the commenter's support of Appendix G, Section II to add forest resources to the environmental checklist. See Response 1-1 for responses to comments submitted by the California Oaks Foundation.

### **Comment 6-2**

The current practice of an ad hoc approach to managing California's oak woodlands has degraded the climate, habitat and landscape.

### **Response 6-2**

The Natural Resources Agency notes the commenter's concern of current oak woodland habitat management. To clarify, the proposed amendments to Appendix G, Section II are not intended to change existing law governing forestry resource management practice. Rather, these amendments encourage lead agencies to consider the adverse effects of converting or rezoning forest lands/timberlands. As explained in the Initial Statement of Reasons, forestry questions in Appendix G are appropriate as forests and forest resources are linked to both GHG emissions and efforts to reduce those emissions. (Initial Statement of Reasons at pg. 63-64.)