

Letter 7

Adam Brodsley  
Public

August 5, 2009

**Comment 7-1**

Commenter opposes the practice of converting woodland areas for vineyard production.

**Response 7-1**

The Natural Resources Agency notes the commenter's concern of converting woodland areas for vineyard production. The proposed amendments are not intended to favor one land use over another, and do not regulate conversions.

**Comment 7-2**

Converting woodland habitat to vineyards will have a massive impact on habitat and ecology.

**Response 7-2**

To clarify, the amendments to Appendix G, Section II to include forest resources in the environmental checklist are not intended to change existing law governing forest 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.)