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Re: Vineyard Conversions in Napa County

Dear Mr. Bontadelli,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Deputy Director Eng, Assistant Deputy Director Hall, and Toby McCartt on January 10. I am informed that it was a productive discussion.

Per your request, I am sending this letter to confirm that, CAL FIRE will act as the Lead Agency for four of the timberland conversion permits that you have filed with the Department, the Friesen, Ciminelli, Le Colline, and Davis Lommel vineyard conversions.

The Department has retained lead agency responsibility for the current four projects because of your investment of time and resources into them. The Department's position is that the County is the proper lead agency for vineyard projects that require an erosion control permit from the County. Any future projects beyond the four projects listed above that require an erosion control permit should be sent to the County.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Staff Attorney, Toby McCartt, at (916) 657-0561 or Toby.McCartt@fire.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

KEN PIMLOTT
Director

cc: Scott Upton, Region Chief, CAL FIRE Northern Region
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