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RE: Significant Ecological Areas and Land Density

Dear Mr. Nadela,

As per discussions we have had in the past, the current proposals for SEA's and land density restrictions will have significant impacts on our farming operation (as well as other farmers in our area) and land in general.

As we discussed in previous meetings, agriculture should be exempt from SEA's. In our meeting (with Jeff Siebert) we were informed that "disturbed" or farmed ground would be exempt from SEA's. I do not see any reference to that now being made.

The proposed SEA's overlays are unfounded and are based on theory, not on science and need critical analysis. Where is the research based data that would support the massive SEA expansion? In addition, we are uncertain as to how the current

boundaries were selected as they appear to just be arbitrary boundary lines. We would like to know how the boundary lines were developed.

We are also disturbed by the acreage restrictions. Placing lot acreage restrictions, even at the 20 acre lot size, destroys property values and has a ripple effect on farm land in general (for example, devaluation of property value inhibits the ability to obtain financing for operating expenses). Our property in particular, is surrounded by lots cut primarily in 2 ½ acre lots and our property would be an island of large lots - this is an unfair restriction and conflicts with surrounding like property. What is this acreage restriction based upon? Property values are placed in jeopardy under this proposal.

The excessive down zoning and SEA's expansions are destructive and are of no benefit to the valley in general. Any analysis should have addressed the economic impact on individual parties.

Sincerely,

Julie Kyle

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cc: Emma Howard