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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Attn: Chairman Gregg Hart
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Via email: sbcob@countyofsb.org

RE: Santa Barbara West Coast Farms
1800 West Highway 246
Buellton, CA 93427

Dear Chairman Hart:

As the Landscape Architects for this project, we welcome the opportunity to explain the design concepts and the efforts we have gone to, for the Santa Barbara West Coast Farms project. This site is in a rural agricultural area that on its northern edge borders the State Highway 246. This is a route of bucolic scenery and natural California Coastal Hills.

Our goal has been to make the landscape buffer along the highway appear natural, while still meeting the goals outlined in the Cal-Cannabis guidelines, and the requirements of Santa Barbara County. We have achieved this by doing the following:

- Use of trees and shrubs that are naturally occurring in the area.
- Using taller species to direct the viewers eye up to the hills beyond for a long-distance view that matches the close in view.
- Using trees and shrubs that will grow together imitating the natural growth patterns seen in nearby natural areas along the highway.
- Using trees and shrubs that are arranged in a way that they will grow into the space where they are planted reducing the need for future pruning that would cause an un-natural appearance.
- The plant palate is one that when viewed by the public at highway speeds will fade in the overall

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- view in a way that will make the farm operations to the south unnoticeable.
- We have used a varied mix of trees and shrubs that will continue even if one species is lost to a pest or pathogen.
- The long-term goal is that once the plants are established that the irrigation can be turned off reducing the need for water.

This approach, we believe has, met the goals outlined by the State and County for this project, allowing for the project to be a use that is compatible with the surrounding area.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Respectfully,



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