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Please submit the attached letter for the Tuesday February 5,2019 Board of Supervisors Hearing.

Thank you.

Robert Ryan

February 1, 2019

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors/ E-mailed: sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

From: Robert Ryan, Resident, Property Owner, Cottonwood Canyon, Cuyama Valley

Subject: Brodiaea, Inc.'s 3 irrigation ponds project/ EIR appeal

Thank you for this opportunity. I FAVOR an EIR to protect the neighboring domestic wells.

If constructed, Brodiaea's 3 irrigation ponds will hold 147 acre- feet of water = 48 MILLION GALLONS.

MY CONCERN: Is that my water well could be consequently **dewatered**.

Dewatering would be an **undesirable** result.

If an EIR advocates protecting the flora and wildlife, we humans should get consideration for the protection of our natural water source. In comparison, The Fish & Game take care of the fish.

This Project site is in a rural area along Hwy 166 at Cottonwood Canyon Road (CCR). Brodiaea Inc.'s vineyard spreads 3 1/2 mi. to the east of CCR. Just to the west of CCR are 17 separate properties (not indicated in the Permit Application), each with a well and each with an overlying groundwater right.

Brodiaea Inc.'s Permit Application, for 3 irrigation ponds, was originally heard by the County Zoning Administrator, who conducts hearings on "minor or non-complex permit and use applications". I was at the hearing and was very surprised at the rendered decision. The 3 ponds, as a stand-alone, can be considered a "minor or non-complex" project, but where-there-is -a-pond, there- is- water. Therefore, in consideration of an EIR the water pumping and usage is integral and becomes the major **Impact** issue.

LOOK AT CURRENT DATA: Brodiaea Inc. has apparently planted the new vineyard and has been pumping from multiple wells, to irrigate, for over a year. Separately, nearby private domestic wells are being monitored to compile real data on water-level change. This information and the pumpage records from Brodiaea can add current data to address questions related to the concerns of the nearby property owners.

Pumping an additional 48 million gallons, at minimum, from a "critically over drafted" water basin that is shared by other users, is a significant increase and can possibly produce **undesirable** results FOR ALL.

INDEMNIFICATION: If Brodiaea, Inc. is confident enough to INDEMNIFY against **dewatering** nearby wells, as a result of the demands of their newly planted vineyard, I would, therefor feel more confident of their intent.

CONSIDER AN EIR: Unknowns exist with the proposed, significant increase in groundwater p umping.