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Keith Pettus and Celia Domingue-Pettus
3678 Fairland Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90043

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

RE: AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR NON-RENEWAL OF WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACT #259 (APN 078-280-15)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pettus:

During a recent review of El Dorado County's Williamson Act Contracts (WAC), El Dorado County Department of Agriculture staff noted that WAC #259 appears to not meet the minimum criteria for an Agricultural Preserve as adopted by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors. Pursuant to the adopted criteria, a low intensive farming operation (i.e. grazing) must meet a minimum acreage of 50 acres that is adequately fenced to contain livestock; a minimum capital outlay of \$10,000 excluding the applicant's residence and original cost of the land; and, an annual gross agricultural income of \$2000.00 per year. A high intensive agricultural operation (i.e. a vineyard) must meet a minimum acreage of 20 acres; a minimum capital outlay of \$45,000 excluding the applicant's residence and original cost of the land; and a gross annual agricultural income of \$13,500.00 per year.

THIS ITEM HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE HEARD BY THE EL DORADO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION ON THE OCTOBER 8, 2008 MEETING.

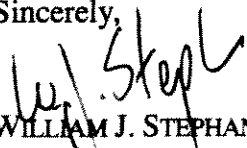
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If you or you designee cannot attend, we **strongly recommend** that you submit any information that may address the Board's adopted criteria listed above to this office prior to the date of the hearing..

Please note that it is customary for this department to notify all parcels located within 500 feet of a subject parcel's boundary lines.

Please call me or Chris Flores, Agricultural Biologist/Standards Inspector II at (530) 621-5520 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


WILLIAM J. STEPHANS
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