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Development of Statewide Guidelines for) Docket No. 06-011-1
Reducing Wildlife Impacts from Wind) Developing Statewide
Energy Development) Avian Guidelines

**COMMENTS OF San Gorgonio Farms, Inc.
ON JULY 2007 COMMITTEE DRAFT GUIDELINES**

San Gorgonio Farms, Inc. wishes to provide these brief comments on the July 2007 Committee Draft report, "California Guidelines for Reducing Impacts to Birds and Bats from Wind Energy Development" ("Committee Draft"). San Gorgonio Farms, Inc. is actively involved in the development of wind energy projects in California and would be directly affected by these Guidelines. For the reasons stated in the August 22, 2007, comments submitted by the California Wind Energy Association, of which San Gorgonio Farms, Inc. is an active member, we oppose the Committee Draft and urge the Commission to take the time necessary to revise Committee Draft to ensure that it does not unjustifiably harm wind energy development in California.

California is getting to a point with excessive regulation and singling out an industry that provides so many benefits to the economy and environment, that our company has taken serious consideration into focusing on other development in other states where costs are much less, and wind energy is much easier to develop.

The Committee Draft recommends practices that go well beyond current industry practices and what is required under CEQA to identify and mitigate all significant environmental impacts caused by a project development. San Gorgonio Farms, Inc. is committed to sound environmental stewardship, but imposing excessive burdens on all wind energy projects, which are needed to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and the associated global warming threat, is counter-productive.

Riverside County should be exempt from these guidelines due to the lack of avian and bat mortality issues proven by multiple studies performed over two (2) decades.

Respectfully submitted,

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