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PROJECT TITLE: Mariposa Energy Project (MEP)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephone	654-4545	<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Location:	
NAME:	Lisa Worrall	DATE:	Feb. 22, 2010
		TIME:	1:00 pm
WITH:	Brian Leahy, Natural Resources Agency, Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection		
SUBJECT:	Would the project require an amendment to the Williamson Act contract to add MEP land use?		

I contacted Brian Leahy from the Department of Conservation, to solicit his position as to whether he thought the existing Williamson Act contract would need to be amended to add the Mariposa Energy Project as a compatible land use. He said the decision is up to Alameda County to make. He thought that definitely a conditional use permit would be required.

We also discussed the applicant's proposed mitigation to reseed the 5-acre construction laydown and parking area with a higher quality seed (in addition to the water trough) and he confirmed that there is not a scientific way to calculate how much of the property would need to be seeded with the higher quality seed to mitigate the 10-acre loss of grazing land. He told me how he visited the project site and discussed with Mr. Bohdan "Bo" Buchynsky his wish to see more of the property managed better. He also suggested the applicant hire a range manager who could assess the property's food value (grazing quality) and make appropriate recommendations. Brian reported that Bo seemed receptive to these options. Brian explained that the property does not get a lot of rainfall and the soil is heavily compacted, but the carrying capacity of the property (in terms of feeding the cattle) could be improved with soil amendments and/ or seeding of selective areas.

cc: Brian Leahy, Amanda Stennick, Craig Hoffman, Bruce Jensen, Bo Buchynsky, and Doug Urry.	Signed:
	Name: Lisa Worrall