

November 4, 2010

President Valerie Brown and District Directors  
Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District  
575 Administration Drive, Room 100A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

RE: SCAPOSD Citizens Advisory Committee Position  
Roblar Ranch Mitigation Preserve

Dear President Brown:

The SCAPOSD Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) discussed the proposed Roblar Ranch mitigation preserve amendment at our monthly meeting on October 28, 2010. The purpose of the discussion was to provide CAC members and the public an opportunity to learn more about the proposal being presented to the Board on November 9, 2010 and determine what recommendations the committee could prepare for the Board's consideration.

District staff presented details of the proposed amendment, and fielded questions from the CAC. The meeting was very well attended by members of the public. Most in attendance spoke for the record.

With a unanimous vote, the CAC authorized the executive committee to prepare this letter and include the following recommendation.

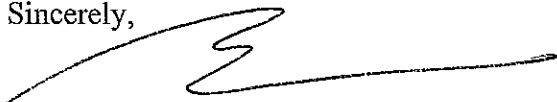
*The Open Space District Advisory Committee opposes the mitigation preserve on the Wilson Property for the following reasons:*

- 1. It is not consistent with the Ranch easement.*
- 2. The Ranch easement prohibits non-agricultural commercial use.*
- 3. We believe the proposal diminishes agricultural use on the property and provides limited environmental benefit.*
- 4. We believe approval of this proposal would establish a dangerous precedent and could undermine public support for the open space district.*

The CAC is very concerned about using District properties for mitigation. We urge the Board not to consider mitigation on SCAPOSD properties until a policy is adopted. The CAC intends to devote the time necessary in order to recommend a mitigation policy to the Board within the next few months.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this recommendation for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Andrew S. Rodgers, Chair  
SCAPOSD Citizens Advisory Committee