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Mr. J. Frank Davidson
State of California, Department of General Services, Real Estate Services
707 West 3rd Street, Suite 6-130
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RE: Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District's request to transfer BAREC's ownership from the State to a non-profit and desire to annex BAREC

Dear Mr. Davidson:

This week the Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District Board (GCRCD) met to discuss the Bay Area Research Extension Center (BAREC) on Winchester Blvd. in Santa Clara. The Board unanimously voted to:

1. Support keeping BAREC agriculturally zoned and in open space;
2. Annex BAREC into GCRCD;
3. Work with the State of California to determine the ways BAREC's ownership can be transferred to a non-profit so it will forever remain as open space and for the public good. We understand there has already been an offer by VIVA to purchase BAREC and this should be considered.
4. Create programs and alliances on BAREC that would enhance GCRCD's Mission Statement. A copy of our Mission Statement is attached.

The above is extremely important to our agency as it helps us to fulfill our state mandated Mission Statement. There is no other similar piece of land which has such a rich agricultural history in Santa Clara County and which could help us more.

Since the State is legally required to first offer BAREC to State governments and districts and did not and since GCRCD is a State/Regional Agency; the GCRCD's opinion is that we legally have the right to request the Department of General Services to halt your current BAREC plans and offer the site to us. Since the State did not offer BAREC to the GCRCD, we are requesting that you do so now.

We look forward to working with you regarding this very important historical land.

Sincerely.

Lawrence Johmann, President
Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District