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Charlene,

As vice president of the Valima Estates Water Co., we are concerned about the aqua-fir that Titus and another very new winery, Melka, are drawing water from. This aqua-fir is not limitless and we have had no time to assess the depletion rate as both these wineries are very new.

The wineries affect on this Aqua-fir should be addressed before any expansion is even considered. We at Valima Estates are therefore very much against the large (doubling!) of production. As for the addition of daily visitors, both the new wineries are located on a short section of the Silverado Trail and the increased traffic will only make an already dangerous section of the trail more so.

Another point to be made is the original permit was made less than two years ago and now they are asking to double production! They built a winery capable of twice the production that they requested from the county. It seems that they original permit was a ruse to get started and then expand. Would they have gotten the permit for building the winery if they had asked for 48,000 cases a year? This seems to be a bait and switch tactic! I question that this was their intent from the beginning. If all they wanted was 24,000 cases a year less than two years ago, how do they need twice that now.

I, and members of Valima Estates are firmly against this permit modification.

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