



NAPA COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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Napa County Winegrape Pest & Disease Control District
County of Napa – Agricultural Commissioner's Office
1710 Soscol Avenue, Suite 3
Napa, CA 94559

Re: Support for reauthorization of the Napa County Winegrape Pest & Disease Control District

Dear Napa County Winegrape Pest & Disease Control District Directors,

Napa County Farm Bureau enthusiastically supports the five-year extension of the Napa County Pest and Disease Control District. Since its inception in 2002, the District has provided valuable leadership and funding for the inspection, detection and education of Pierce's disease and has been instrumental in preventing the spread of the disease by the glassy-winged sharpshooter.

Recently, the District's purpose and scope was expanded to include other significant pests and diseases that threaten the winegrape industry. Growers strongly supported the expansion this past summer, with 90% of the votes cast in the affirmative. That vote indicates the grower community's support for the work of the District.

Farm Bureau appreciates the work of the District board members and staff and recognizes the District's reauthorization as an important decision to protect Napa County's winegrape businesses. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Sandy Elles
Executive Director

cc: NCFB Directors