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Terri A. Lorenzon, Director
Environmental Quality Council

Re: Proposed Section 20, Appendix H – Agricultural Use Protection

Dear Mr. Dirienzo:

After attending last night's CBM meeting regarding the Ag Use Protection Policy we felt compelled to write a letter.

First, we were very disappointed to hear and read the letter from a rancher whose name was put on this petition without her knowledge. That puts the petition on shaky ground for us.

Secondly to hear that the water being discharged would have higher water quality than the water we drink (if this rule passes) was astonishing. This leads us to believe that the citizen's petition was introduced to not just improve the water quality, but to stop the discharging of water. It very well would if this rule is passed as it would be very hard for the water to meet these new expectations.

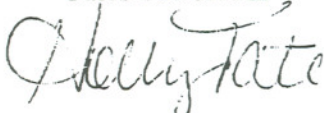
Lastly, to hear a landowner speak about how this rule would affect him (when this is supposed to protect him) was what sealed the deal. Taking the discharge water away is not going to do any good for most landowners. When we see landowners that are against this cause that is supposed to protect them, we see the real truth of the matter.

When you see the papers upon papers that CBM companies already go through to get permits etc... You see that they are doing everything in their power to keep the land, vegetation, wildlife, and water in the very best shape it can possibly be. There is no reason to add another rule that would end up taking away a very important resource to most landowners which in turn would make the rest of the land suffer.

Sincerely,



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