

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to submit comments in support of the proposed project described in the final EIR which consists of the approval of the Integrated Wildlife Damage Management (IWDM) program which includes the approval of a five year cooperative service agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Service's California (APHIS WS-CA) office for wildlife damage management assistance to the county. Through this agreement the IWDM program can continue to use both non-lethal and lethal means to assist in resolving wildlife damage issues. Non-lethal technical assistance is needed and often helps to improve wildlife damage situations, but there are times when lethal alternatives are required. Limiting a IWDM program to only non-lethal options will be a disservice to the residents of the county who could face situations with wildlife damage that are unresolvable without a lethal option administered by a trained professional such as APHIS WS-CA staff.

Thank you,
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