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Subject: Comment of California Farm Bureau Federation - August 25, 2015 Board of Supervisors Hearing - Marin County Local Coastal Program

Dear Supervisors:

The California Farm Bureau Federation ("CFBF") appreciates the opportunity to provide the County of Marin with a comment in relation to the County's consideration of certain revisions to its Land Use Plan Amendments ("LUPA") and portions of the Implementation Plan Amendments ("IPA") to the certified Marin County Local Coastal Program ("LCP"), previously approved by the Board of Supervisors in July 2013. Our comment comes from the perspective of a statewide organization representing farmers and ranchers in the Coastal Zone, and is intended to complement input you have received from the Marin County Farm Bureau.

We understand that Marin County has been working collaboratively with its farmers and ranchers on agricultural issues in the coastal zone, as they may intersect with the Coastal Act and associated planning processes. Without remarking on various specific issues in Marin County as they have been articulated elsewhere, we wish to re-affirm our position that the Coastal Act does not generally require or admit of regulation of agriculture. With respect to land use, the Coastal Act specifically allows for permitting only as to actions that significantly and substantially change the density or intensity of the use of land, and we believe that changes to the ongoing agricultural use of land – including cropping changes – do not rise to that standard. We believe and hope that the totality of Marin County's planning efforts are faithful to that important statutory limitation.

Thank you for your consideration of this comment.

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