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TO: Judy Arnold, Supervisor, District Five
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FROM: Steve Kinsey, Board President

RE: Report on litigation affecting agriculture in the Point Reyes National Seashore

Dear Colleagues,

A lawsuit was filed against the National Park Service on February 10, 2016, attempting to suspend the current Ranch Management Planning process. The suit asserts that this process should be suspended until after the Point Reyes National Seashore General Management Plan is updated, and until any impacts agriculture may have on natural resources are addressed. Given the significant contribution of the ranches and dairies located within the National Seashore to Marin's larger agricultural industry, it is important that our Board and the public be informed. This report will provide an opportunity to understand the scope of the litigation in the context of our countywide interest in agriculture.

Sincerely,

Steve Kinsey