

EXHIBIT A

Aug. 7, 2023

Napa County Board of Supervisors
1195 3rd Street
Napa, CA 94559

Re: Le Colline Project Appeal

Thank you for your ongoing collaboration regarding collecting water quality information throughout our Lake Hennessy watershed. We very much appreciate working with you towards a better future for all of our residents, and we think we can agree that water (in terms of both quantity and quality) plays a big role in our continued success as a community.

We are writing today to express our opposition to the proposed Le Colline project. We have a deep concern for the health and sustainability of our watershed, and we believe that this development could have a negative impact on the watershed and surrounding areas. As you're already aware, the majority of the City of Napa's water is taken from Lake Hennessey.

The significance of agriculture in our community cannot be overstated. However, when deciding where agricultural development should occur, the importance of this industry in Napa must be weighed against the very real fact that agricultural runoff can be a major source of water pollution. When fertilizers, pesticides, and manure are washed off of fields, they can contaminate our watersheds and lead to algae blooms, fish kills, and other problems.

In addition to being a vital source of drinking water for tens of thousands of people throughout Napa County, Lake Hennessey is also home to a variety of sensitive wildlife species. Development in this area would have a devastating impact on the watershed's ability to provide clean drinking water and support wildlife.

Increased development in our watershed areas is unjustifiable—the health and sustainability of our watershed is too important to risk. For all of the reasons stated, please carefully consider the environmental impacts of agricultural development in our watershed areas. We believe that we can, as a community, plan agricultural development in a way that minimizes the impact on natural resources and wildlife—but this project simply cannot mitigate the negative impacts on our watershed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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