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**Re: Response to Protest filed by Living Rivers Council
Water Right Application 31736 of The Hess Collection Winery – Veeder Hills Ranch**

Dear Ms. Malan:

We have received the protest from Living Rivers Council dated February 3, 2010 against Application 31736.

At the direction of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) The Hess Collection Winery – Veeder Hills Ranch will retain a consultant to prepare the appropriate environmental document for this project. We do not expect resolution of this protest prior to completion of the hydrological analysis and the environmental document. Therefore, we request that the State Water Board hold this protest in abeyance until the document has been completed and provided to the Protestant.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

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