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Supervisor Paul Kelley, Chair
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
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Comments on the Dutra Haystack Landing Asphalt and Recycling Facility FEIR (SCH No. 2006022107)

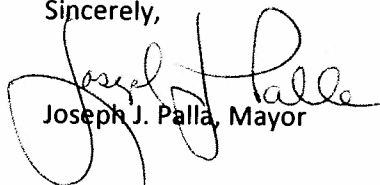
Dear Chair Kelley and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The City of Cloverdale is writing in support of the City of Petaluma's comments on the FEIR for the Dutra Haystack Landing Asphalt & Recycling Facility (3355 Petaluma Blvd South). Although it is quite a distance from Cloverdale, there are several issues that concern us about this application:

- **The application lies within the urban growth boundary of an incorporated area.** Even though it is outside of Petaluma's city limits, it is within its UGB. As such, Cloverdale believes that the Petaluma City Council's position should be carefully considered in the application. The community of Petaluma felt strongly enough about the proposal that the City Council held public discussions on the matter. The position of the community that is arguably most impacted by the County's decision should be given great merit.
- **The property lies along the SMART line.** As the northern-most stop of the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit line, Cloverdale is significantly invested in the whole line. We believe that SMART, once constructed, will be not only a mode of transportation but also a recreation and tourist amenity. Development along the corridor should take place in a way that attracts ridership and displays Sonoma County in a positive light.
- **The property is in an environmentally sensitive area.** Environmental protection is important to our whole region – it's important enough that we've undertaken a number of collaborative initiatives to address climate change and other issues. The Sonoma County Board is a recognized leader in this realm. The asphalt facility proposal near the Petaluma River could have significant impacts on the River's ability to serve as an alternative mode of commercial transportation for existing businesses, as well as its recreational potential and the role that it plays in preserving the natural habitat of the Petaluma Marsh.

The decisions the County will be making on the FEIR of the Dutra Haystack Landing Asphalt & Recycling Facility will affect the whole region. On behalf of the Cloverdale City Council, I urge you to carefully consider the City of Petaluma's position on the current project.

Sincerely,



Joseph J. Palla, Mayor

C: City of Petaluma