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Mr. William Williams
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Subject: NCRA Ownership of Island Mountain Quarry and Potential
Conflict of Interest

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are writing to file a formal complaint with the FPPC regarding a documented action taken the North Coast Rail Authority (NCRA) to award a freight operating license to the NWP.

The facts in this case are as follows:

1. According to the February 2006, Strategic Plan Update the NCRA filed with the California Transportation Commission (CTC), "the NCRA owns 15% of Island Mountain Quarry." (see attached document A, page 2).
2. According to the NCRA's website (www.northcoastrailroad.org) awarded the freight operating license to the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Co. ("NWP, Co.") (see attached document B)
3. According to the October 2006, "Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company Business Plan" filed with the CTC in October 2006, R. Allen Ennis, CEO of Evergreen Natural Resources and Roger Green, President of Evergreen Natural Resources are on the Board of Directors of the NWP. (see attached Document C, page 5)
4. According to the same document C, Evergreen Natural Resources "holds the mineral rights to the Island Mountain Quarry." (approx. page 29, in resume of Mr. Ennis).

In sum, we believe there is a conflict of interest as the NCRA has awarded a contract to an entity in which it has a financial interest.

We ask the FPPC to take the necessary corrective action to ensure that this conflict becomes known to the public and that remediation measures are taken and enforced. .

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, Friends of the Eel River

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