Honorable Water Resource Control Board Members, I concur with the comments shared by Hannah Nelson on 11/25/2018. We are 10,000 square foot farmers. The properties were logged, ranched and cultivated prior to our purchases. Our desire is to bring the land into compliance. We can only move forward if it is financially feasible. Every day we consider not submitting the next form, and stepping out of the program. The cost of County and State fees and requirements is not in balance with market prices.

North Coast Regional Water Board has been very helpful on the phone, however, at a Ukiah meeting earlier in the year a staff member warned an attendee that he would be covering every inch of their property when he came for his visit. I personally have over 200 acres! So, in addition to Ms. Nelson’s solutions, I would ask that the water boards focus be on the roads that involve the cultivation area. (It is my understanding that allowances were made in regards to easement roads and they are not required to be up to standards, as well as their is no expectation placed on the properties that surround me and are not part of the compliance program.) If the water board could focus on the private road/driveways used for cultivation instead of the entire property, we would have a better chance at making this work.

With appreciation
Sent from my iPhone