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Dear Ms. Friend:

Re: Review of LA18058A Nelson Family Ranches Ltd. – mediation proposal

NRCB Field Services has obtained the consent of the Nelsons and the Hofers to propose a Board-run mediation under authority of section 25(4)(a) of the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act*. The County has taken no position.

Given consent of the applicant and the directly affected parties, we suggest that the Board could arrange a mediation. This would put a Review hearing on hold for the time being, pending a mediation report. For efficiency, we propose that the Board could use the June 18 as a date for a mediation, rather than for an oral Review. At the same time, we invite the Board to schedule a new date, not too distant, for an oral Review hearing in the event the mediation does not generate a mutually acceptable resolution.

Yours truly,

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cc Shawn & Jeff Nelson (shawn@nfr.ag)
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