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>>> Christopher DiVittorio <[chris@pinecrestenvironmental.org](mailto:chris@pinecrestenvironmental.org)> 5/5/2021 1:29 AM >>>  
To Whom it May Concern,

I run a biological research and consulting company that has done research in Mendocino county for over 20 years, and more recently has completed over 400 *Cannabis* environmental reports across seven different counties in Northern California without a single complaint.

I would like to register a formal complaint against a CEQA permitting consultant currently working in Mendocino County.

Julia Carrera, proprietor of Julia Carrera & Associates based in Upper Lake, CA, contracted with us to conduct 15 biological assessments for farms throughout Mendocino County. After receiving preliminary results they attempted to challenge our determinations of potential wetland boundaries, saying it was inconsistent with what they already submitted to the Water Board and repeatedly asked us to fix our "typos".

After being threatened by them and their attorney Collin Morrow to finish the reports faster, we delivered them over two weeks ago and have now heard nothing back from either of them despite repeated requests. We found occurrences of Foothill yellow-legged frog (FYLF) breeding populations and other special-status species near cultivation areas, evidence of grading near watercourses and wetlands, and typically in my line of work the silence is because they are unhappy with the biological constraints we found onsite and are either modifying our reports or having another firm plagiarize them.

I am in the process of reporting this malfeasance to CDFW but I thought you should know that material from Julia Carrera & Associates from us is not paid for, may be modified or plagiarized without our permission, and that there were observations of special-status species we made on multiple sites.

Please don't hesitate to contact me anytime at the number below if you have any questions. I am also happy to provide original copies of the reports for any properties we worked on but were not paid for.

Sincerely,  
Chris DiVittorio

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