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From:	Pamela Brown
To:	California Transportation Commission@CATC
Subject:	Please Drop Funding for Richardson Grove Project
Date:	Monday, October 14, 2024 9:35:18 AM

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Sincerely, Pamela Brown

From:	Ross Heckmann
To:	California Transportation Commission@CATC
Subject:	Please Drop Funding for Richardson Grove Project
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From:	al shayne
To:	California Transportation Commission@CATC
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From:	Tina Colafranceschi
To:	California Transportation Commission@CATC
Subject:	Please Drop Funding for Richardson Grove Project
Date:	Monday, October 14, 2024 10:04:51 AM

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From:	Wayne Steffes
To:	California Transportation Commission@CATC
Subject:	Please Drop Funding for Richardson Grove Project
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From:	Mike Evans
To:	California Transportation Commission@CATC
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From:	Judith Smith
To:	California Transportation Commission@CATC
Subject:	Please Drop Funding for Richardson Grove Project
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From:	J. Barry Gurdin
To:	California Transportation Commission@CATC
Subject:	Please Drop Funding for Richardson Grove Project
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From:	SoCoCAN!
То:	California Transportation Commission@CATC
Subject:	Please Drop Funding for Richardson Grove Project
Date:	Thursday, October 17, 2024 5:03:27 AM

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https://www.SonomaCountyCAN.org

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