

# Sierra Club seeks revocation of Bonny Doon vineyard perm

SANTA CRUZ — A local environmentalist has thrown another legal stone into the path of Jim Beauregard, the grocer who for several years has been following a bureaucratic maze in trying to plant a vineyard in Bonny Doon.

In a letter to the executive director of the Coastal Commission, Dave Bockman — in the name of the Sierra Club — has asked that Beauregard's permit issued last year be revoked.

Bockman maintains the permit was issued on the basis of "inaccurate, erroneous and incomplete information" and that the inclusion of the wrong information was "intentional."

One of the two grounds for revoking a permit is that an applicant intentionally supplied wrong information that, if known, would have changed the conditions of the permit.

It will now be up to Commission Executive Director Michael Fischer to determine whether Bockman's allegations have merit.

Coastal Commission staff said Wednesday Fischer is working on a report about the allegations, which will be forwarded

to the commission when it meets month in San Francisco.

Bockman's allegations involve the "champion" cypress tree that is revered by tree-lovers, but was cut down recently at the vineyard site by an outlawed cutter.

Bockman states "the Sierra Club believes that the existence of this tree in the area proposed to be cleared of all vegetation was deliberately withheld from the commission.

"Otherwise the commission could have found, as it did, that the project (would) 'not create any significant adverse environmental impacts within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act.'"

Bockman states a letter was sent to county Planning Director Kris Schaefer March from the director of the National Big Tree Program for the American Forestry Association. In that letter, Director Kay Hartman states that "due to the proposed land development plans discussed in Bonny Doon, the life of one of these National Champion trees may be in danger."

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