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CONGRESSMAN JIMMY PANETTA
20TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

October 26, 2017

David Chardavoyne
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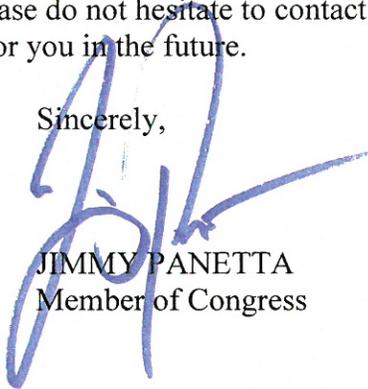
Dear Mr. Chardavoyne,

Dave,

Thank you for traveling to Washington, D.C. to meet with my staff and me as well as with the Army Corps of Engineers. It was great to see you again and to hear an update on the Pajaro levee project. The importance of your continued commitment to the Pajaro levee project cannot be understated. The work you are doing is vital to the residents of our local communities, and I look forward to working with you to move this project forward.

Thank you, again, and please do not hesitate to contact my office if there is anything that I can do for you in the future.

Sincerely,


JIMMY PANETTA
Member of Congress

PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS LAKE ACCESS ASSOCIATION

October 20, 2017

Brent Buche, Deputy General Manager

Operations & Maintenance Division
Monterey County Water Resources Agency
893 Blanco Circle
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Re: Private Property Owners Lake Access Association

Dear Mr. Buche,

As you are aware, our association remains committed to working with Monterey County in developing a boat launching facility near the end of Allen Road (Runnig Deer Ranch). Our goal goes beyond simply constructing a boat ramp. The plan will include, among other improvements, heightened security in the area, reduction of off-road vehicular traffic and provide for enhanced mussel program inspections. A comprehensive program outline is attached.

To date, after 3 meetings with the Monterey County Water Resource Personnel and Administration Committee, the indication is that moving forward with the necessary tasks in appropriate. Our understanding is that the county legal department was to be contacted regarding the necessary agreement(s), perhaps using the Tri-County's agreement as a guide. We hope this is moving forward. Can you up-date us on this effort?

For our tasks, it will be necessary to obtain the required construction documents, surveys, insurance policies, agency approvals etc. Not surprisingly, these efforts will require a financial commitment from our membership. Also, as expected, our members are reluctant to invest in the effort without some level of assurance that those efforts have a reasonable chance of succeeding...which in the purpose of this letter.

Mr. Buche, can you confirm that presently our proposal possesses MCWRC's approval and that there exists a *reasonable* chance of final Monterey County approval.

Please call me with any questions or comments. Thank you for your attention this important matter,

Kindest regards,

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cc: Tom Shepard

Attch: PPOLAA Proposal

PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS LAKE ACCESS ASSOCIATION

A PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN

A BOAT LAUNCH RAMP WITHIN THE RUNNING DEER RANCH COMMUNITY

By: **The Private Property Owners Lake Access Association**, a not for Profit California Corporation

Purpose:

The purpose of this proposal and its described actions is to provide a monitored lake access system to Lake Nacimiento within an area of the Running Deer Ranch community known as the "Private Property Owners" area.

Present Condition:

The Private Property Owners Association ("PPOLAA) consists of approximately 80 homeowners. While some enjoy direct access to Lake Nacimiento and shoreline from their lakefront property, many rely on accessing the lake via Town Creek road. The property owners possess access easements to a section of lakeshore property at the end of Town Creek Road. For the most part, this area is utilized for the anchoring of floating docks and the informal launching of boats and other water craft across the unimproved property. Due to the steep nature of the easement property, low water levels result in the migration of the dock anchoring and launching activities to the north and west onto Monterey County Property.

Additionally, there presently exists a lockable gate capable of limiting access to these areas, however due to the absence of a single designated/responsible organization, control and security is informal at best and respective, potentially serious legal liabilities are in question.

The present situation serves neither the MCWRA nor the homeowners well. Our proposal aims to make improvements by addressing the MCWRA's and the PPOLAA's mutual goals in a manner that satisfies the County's concerns regarding security, accountability, responsibility and protection of the lake resources while improving the homeowner's lake experience.

The members of PPOLAA wish to construct, monitor and control two (high and low water) concrete launch ramps and to provide for the proper anchoring of member's docks on a certain parcel of Monterey County property. To that end, we offer the following information:

Physical Improvements:

The Physical improvements will consist of one high water, approximately 325' long, reinforced concrete launch ramp and one low water ramp, engineered by appropriately licensed individuals and approved by the San Luis Obispo authorities and the Fish and Wildlife Departments. A new electrically operated access gate will be provided at the entrance to the launch ramp area. In combination with the new gate, a fence, paralleling the existing Town Creek Road easement will be provided. The existing gate at the top of Town Creek Road will be modified and electrically operated to limit access to those possessing rights by easement(s).

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The Private Property Owners Lake Access Association:

A single point of contact and responsibility is desirable for both parties. The Private Property Owners Lake Access Association is a registered non-profit corporation created for that purpose. Membership is limited to those residents of the Private Property Owners Community of Running Deer Ranch.

Liability:

PPOLAA will grant and maintain the MCWRA required indemnification and the appropriate insurance coverages for both the launching of water craft and the anchoring of permitted docks.

Permitted Access:

As stated above, access to the existing easements will be controlled by the improved gate at the top of Town Creek Road. The access to the launch ramp itself will be limited to those members of the Corporation by way of the new gate and fence. The anchoring of docks within the PPOAA's controlled area will be in accordance with the corporate bylaws requiring proper lake authority registration(s). Of course, MCWRA would retain permanent access through both gates.

Permitted Activities:

Permitted activities within the PPOLAA area will be limited to boat launching, dock anchoring, temporary parking of member's vehicles and related lake related activities. Off road vehicles and hunting will not be allowed. Trespassing by unauthorized persons will not be allowed and will be controlled by the membership as required by the corporate by-laws.

Facilities:

Public toilet facilities presently do not exist on the subject properties. New chemical toilet facilities would be provided on the corporate controlled parcel on seasonal basis, May 1 to October 1 of each year. Based on history of the present area, trash and clean-up are not issues. The establishment of a new trash container is deemed to be unnecessary based up historical conduct of the residents and will present the very real risk of attracting the dumping of household trash, furniture etc.

Costs:

Currently, based upon preliminary designs and cost estimates, PPOLAA anticipates the costs to provide the gate improvements, fencing, high and low water launch ramps, government fees and cost to be approximately \$70,000-\$95,000.

Mussel Inspection:

As lake users, the mussel issue is of prime importance to the corporation members. Presently, many of the corporate members are certified mussel inspectors. No water craft will be permitted to use the corporation launching facilities without the proper inspection having been performed. Signage to that affect will be posted at the entry to the launch ramp area as well at the Town Creek Road gate. It will be the goal of the corporation, through the bylaws, to have at least one certified inspector within each household. This increased vigilance will be a considerable improvement over the current situation.

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Agreements:

No doubt, MCWRA will require the appropriate agreement with regard to the land lease and related obligations. At this time, it is estimated that the subject area will comprise approximately 65 acres. PPOLAA will commission the necessary engineering to describe the proposed leased property. A current cattle lease applies to the proposed launch ramp area itself although, by nature of existing fencing, is physically separated and currently unused by the lessee. Informally, the lessee has informed PPOLAA that he has no objections to the corporation assuming that small portion of his lease. With this proposal, the corporation, in light of the anticipated sizeable financial investment and related commitments requests a land lease term of at least 20 years with other lease terms to be further detailed in a final lease document.

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October 30, 2017

Mr. Zaffar Eusuff
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Dear Mr. Eusuff,

Re: Support for the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plans

Dear Mr. Eusuff:

On behalf of Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency), I would like to express my strong support for the development of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan, for which the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) is seeking funding under the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program.

The Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin, spanning 7 subbasins, provides a critical source of water for beneficial users across Monterey County. Groundwater makes up one of the most important source of water supplies for the over 400,000 people living within the County. Because of the agricultural productivity of the region, which is dependent on reliable water resources, the well-being and sustainable management of the Basin has significance far beyond the Basin and County boundaries. In recognition of its importance, the Basin has been the subject of extensive stakeholder-based studies and groundwater management activities for several decades. As a major resource manager to the Basin, the Agency has actively lead many of these efforts and we anticipate we will be supporting and participating in future efforts alongside the SVBGSA.

The SVBGSA management area encompasses sub-basins that are designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as medium priority and high priority, two of which are critically overdrafted sub-basins. We understand that, as a result of those designations, a GSP or coordinated GSPs will need to be adopted by as early as January 31, 2020 for those basins. We're confident that the substantial work conducted to date by the Agency combined with the ongoing, highly collaborative stakeholder process will provide the necessary foundation for successful GSP development to facilitate effective sustainable

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groundwater management across the Basin. And we fully support the initiative of the SVBGSA to lead the GSP process.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for the Salinas Valley Basin GSPs. We strongly urge your thoughtful consideration of funding to support the Project.

Sincerely,



Cc: Gary Petersen

MONTEREY COUNTY



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November 7, 2017

Chairwoman Mary Adams
District 5
Board of Supervisors
168 W. Alisal Street
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RE: Agricultural Advisory Committee Appointment to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency
Board of Directors

Dear Chair Adams:

The Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) received a letter of resignation from David Hart dated September 25, 2017, who represented the Committee on the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) Board of Directors. Unfortunately, Mr. Hart was unable to complete his term and recently passed away.

Pursuant to MCWRA Act Chapter 52-49, at the October 26, 2017, meeting of the AAC, it was decided to nominate the two gentlemen listed below in order of preference:

1. Bill Hammond
2. Alan Panziera

Please contact me should you have any questions about the above nominations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert A. Roach".

Robert A. Roach
Assistant Agricultural Commissioner
On behalf of the Agricultural Advisory Committee

c: ✓ Members, Agency Board of Supervisors
Charles J. McKee, County Counsel
David E. Chardavoyne, General Manager, WRA
Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors