## Monterey County Water Resources Agency



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Cynthia Boe Chief Executive Officer Town Creek Association 7444 Town Creek Lane Paso Robles, CA 93446

Dear Cynthia,

The Agency values its relationship with the Town Creek Association. Presently, the Association utilizes Agency property<sup>1</sup> to access the Nacimiento Reservoir on a month-to-month basis in accordance with Article 26 – Holding Over, of the 2019 Standard Lease Agreement executed between us.

During a recent inspection of the leased property, I noted with some concern and disappointment the presence of debris and trash on the property and, more importantly, the poor condition of Mussel Prevention Program signage lying in the dirt – see Attachment 1. The risk to the Agency from a mussel infestation is significant. With the recent introduction of the Golden Mussel heightening concerns, we expect all watercraft owners to take mussel prevention seriously and abide by the law.

The condition of the signage unfortunately suggests a indifference for the importance of the mussel prevention program and a disregard for the allowances the Agency continues to make, which aims to balance the risk the Agency faces with the desires of the watercraft community to continue utilizing our reservoirs for recreation. I trust the conditions witnessed recently are not indicative of the Association's normal care of the Agency's property and that upon my next visit, the property will be free of any debris and trash, and all signage will be clean, clearly visible, and strictly adhered to as part of the Association's duty under the Lease<sup>2</sup>.

I trust the value held by the Agency for our long-standing relationship is shared by the Association and that appropriate and timely measures will be taken to remedy the concerns raised in this letter. To that end, and at your earliest convenience, I would appreciate a written reply of the actions taken, or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> APN 080-111-001-000 – "That portion of Nacimiento and adjacent undeveloped real property outlined and described in Exhibit A, as prepared by the LESSOR, dated December 2019, attached hereto and incorporated herein. The lease property is 60.4 acres."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Please see Articles 14 and 15, Exhibit B, Exhibit C, and Exhibit E.

proposed, so that we may share a common understanding. Additionally, per the Lease, please provide the Agency with an updated Certificate of Insurance. If, in the meantime, you would care to discuss these or any other matters pertinent to our lease, or schedule an in-person meeting, please feel free to contact me directly.

Respectfully,

Ara Azhderian General Manager

CC:

Faith Zenker Water Quality Manager Public Works, County of San Luis Obispo

Tom Shepherd Property Specialist Monterey County Water Resources Agency

## ATTACHMENT 1

