

Fran Farina

EXHIBIT 16-L

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Subject: Carmel River Mitigation

Fran,

You asked for an April 5th response to your letter regarding the Carmel River Mitigation program. This is the best I can do at this time.

We are seriously looking at the mitigation program. The review is proving more daunting than I had imagined.

I believe we will have to set up some meetings with your staff and other interested parties before we go too much farther.

What is the realistic time frame for a decision on this issue? Is this a fiscal year issue?

I do not see the meetings being timely. Fred Feizollahi just left on a three week vacation. He as you know, has worked extensively on the Dam and the river operation.

Perhaps you and I could meet so I can understand the scope of the proposal. Thursday afternoon would be best for me.

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