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March 8, 1988

Mr. Robert T. Beach
General Manager
Sonoma County Water Agency
2150 W. College Avenue
Santa Rosa, Ca. 95401

Dear Mr. Beach:

This is to request your comments on the "Laguna Advisory Committee Report", dated January 1988, copies of which have been delivered to your office.

We would particularly appreciate your comments, amplifications, corrections, on the following paragraph contained on page 32, under Conclusions and Recommendations:

"Based upon the fact that 1 cubic foot of fill displaces 7½ gallons of water, any fill in the Laguna flood plain approved by Sebastopol, has definite and possibly detrimental effects upon the surrounding areas in time of flooding. According to the Sonoma County Water Agency, (Bob Morrow and Dave Allen, personal communication), there is a concern that the effects of the 1986 flood may be more likely to reoccur. The uniqueness of that flood was that the high water level did not come from the Russian River backing into the Laguna Basin, but from the runoff due to the development of the cities surrounding the Basin. The cumulative effects of fill and development are unknown. The conclusion has been drawn, however, that the flood elevation level will be raised in the future. This means that the 100-year flood elevation of 76' would be increased to a higher level".

Please feel free to add any other information or comments you feel appropriate with regard to the Report.

It would be helpful if we could have your comments in time for the March 22nd hearing to be held by the Sebastopol Planning Commission on the report. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Melvin K. Davis
City Manager

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cc: Mr. Bill Stillman, Chief Engineer