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TO: Concerned Members of the Agricultural Community

Thank you for attending the Laguna Scoping Committee meeting last Monday night. I hope you felt that it was an opportunity to express your concerns, as well as to explore how you might benefit by working with this group.

This letter includes the materials that are guiding our working practices in those portions of the Laguna where we have holdings. Please look it over to see what suggestions might fit into your farming practices, or what it would take to make this approach practical. Of course, we also want to know what doesn't work and why.

I want to stress that our group is not formulating new regulations. We simply are cooperating in trying to improve the water quality and wildlife habitat in those portions of the Laguna that we own. You are invited to participate to whatever extent feels comfortable. Hopefully, you will see some advantages to working with an area-wide group, that's dedicated to preserving open space and agricultural uses in the Laguna basin.

Once again, I'd like to express my apologies for waiting so long to invite you to these meetings. I hope that you will extend the notice of the meetings and what we're doing to your neighbors and that farming interests will continue to be at the table from now on.

In any cooperative venture, no progress can be made without listening to one another's point of view. I was very glad to see and hear you last Monday night, and look forward to working with you next month.

Sincerely,

Nichols J. Stewart
Councilman