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Initiation of Laguna Planning Process (CRMP)

I am pleased to respond to your questions of December 23, 1992, about a Laguna coordinated resource management and planning project.

A tentative budget has been developed and is attached. The large number of labor hours reflects the *process*--rather than product--orientation of a CRMP project. The Foundation has reduced costs by eliminating charges for mileage and per diem, and by using the cost-effective services of a Sonoma State University intern. The coordinator's pay is also discounted from the \$50 to \$80 hourly rate that would normally be expected at this level of project management.

The Foundation proposes that the cost of the project be shared by the major participants: the cities, through the Subregional Wastewater Reclamation System, and the county, through the Sonoma County Water Agency. The Foundation also plans to request funding from the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, but does not expect a significant amount from that source.

We consider the city of Santa Rosa and the County to be key to this process, and have brought our proposal to you first. (A similar agenda item for the Board of Supervisors is planned later this month.) However, we have spent several months talking with other groups and agencies, and preparing the groundwork. Attached is a letter of support from the Western Sonoma County Rural Alliance. We will forward additional letters of support as we receive them.

The city of Sebastopol has not yet been formally contacted, although Anne Magnie serves both on our Board and the City Council. You may be aware that Sebastopol has recently adopted the Laguna Park Master Plan which encompasses all Laguna lands within its sphere of influence. This culminates a planning process begun in 1986 with the appointment of the Laguna Advisory Committee. We expect that Sebastopol will continue to participate in Laguna planning activities, although financial support beyond its contribution to the Subregional System seems unlikely.

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I hope that this letter has answered your immediate questions about the CRMP project. If you have additional questions or would like me to attend a Council meeting, please contact me at 874-0100 (days) or 823-1643 (eves.).

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