

ATTACHMENT B



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Mr. David Leland
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region
Attn: Mr. David Leland, Supervising Water Resources Control Engineer
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Subject: City of Healdsburg Proposal for Supplemental Environmental Project
Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2008-0124

Reference: Our Meeting on October 8, 2009 and Follow-up Phone Conversation on
October 27, 2009

Dear Mr. Leland:

Thank you for your phone call on Tuesday regarding the City of Healdsburg's proposal for a supplemental environmental project ("SEP") to address Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R1-2008-0124 ("ACL").

As we discussed the City would like to formally submit an SEP proposal wherein we would prepare plans and specifications for a recycled water distribution system that would make the recycled water from our newly constructed \$32 million dollar AWT facility available for beneficial reuse for agricultural and urban irrigation.

Our proposal is that we would be agreeable to pay the civil penalty proposed in the ACL in an amount consistent with your office's policy and discretion, with the maximum allowable amount going to fund our proposed SEP. In other words, we propose that half of the ACL be paid by the City as monetary payment and the other half would be used to fund the design of the recycled water distribution system.

I would like to offer the following community and other third party benefits as support for our proposal:

1. Depending on climate conditions, in excess of 450 acre feet of water annually could be beneficially reused for agricultural and urban irrigation. This beneficial reuse would result in "in lieu" ground and surface water recharge through pumping avoidance. This is the equivalent of 16 percent of our current annual water demand, or nearly 450 households in Healdsburg. Over a 20 year period this equates to 2,950 million gallons of water.

2. The Healdsburg Unified School District and the Parks and Recreation Department would save approximately \$25,000 on an annual basis in their irrigation bill. This money could be used to avoiding cutting much needed after school and education programs.
3. Beneficial reuse provides a reliable water supply for the region's major agricultural industry which is facing tremendous challenges in meeting their water supply needs for sustainability.
4. A beneficial reuse project such as that contemplated by the City furthers the purposes of Water Code §13550 - 13551 by making high quality effluent available for irrigation purposes so as to preserve the region's supply of potable water. This project also meets the "need for a reliable source of water for uses not related to the supply of potable water to protect investments in agriculture, greenbelts, and recreation . . ." recognized by the Legislature in Water Code § 13576, subdivision (c), and implements the goals set by the State Water Resources Control Board in its February 2009 Recycled Water Policy.

For purposes of monitoring and determining completion of our proposed SEP the following schedule is proposed:

Task	Due Date
Conduct engineering and design work on recycled water distribution system.	Submit progress report to Regional Board by March 17, 2010
Prepare Final Plans and Specifications and Engineering Report	Submit completion report to Regional Board by July 14, 2010

We look forward to your favorable acceptance of our proposal and would like to meet with you or your staff to answer any questions you may have. Please call me at 431-3346 at your earliest convenience so we can reach closure on this matter.

Sincerely,



Michael Kirn
Public Works Director
City of Healdsburg

CC Marjie Pettus, City Manager