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Re: Work Plan to Control Excess Sediment in Sediment-Impaired Watersheds

Dear Rebecca:

Thank you for calling our attention to the regional board's workshop on January 17, 2008. Unfortunately, we were not aware that the opportunity for written comment has already passed. Leslie Corp will attend the workshop on our behalf. She will have only brief comments as we have been unable to sufficiently interact with you and other board staff, or to fully explore all elements of the tasks identified in the work plan.

To that end, we request that additional time be provided prior to board action on the work plan to allow us, as well as other agricultural groups, to adequately consider the implications for our members in the North Coast Region of what might be expected to result from implementation of the work plan.

As I mentioned during our phone conversation, Leslie and I would be very willing to take you and other staff members on a field trip to view some dairies. This will be a good time to do a tour, since the recent storms have been sufficiently intense to initiate some runoff from the hillsides and the effect on sediment production should be visible where it has occurred. Monday, January 21 and Friday, January 25 are good dates for us. I can be reached at (707) 763-8874 or at paulwud@callatg.com.

Very truly yours,

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Director of Environmental Services

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cc: Leslie Corp