

Childs, Guy@Waterboards

From: Kevin Hinman <hollandstime@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2014 12:46 PM
To: Childs, Guy@Waterboards
Subject: Explanation Letter
Attachments: Explanation Letter Signed.pdf; Detailed events of 2013.pdf

Hello Guy,

I've attached an undetailed letter as requested concerning the factors which led to the problems with adhering to the permit requirements. I've also attached a more detailed letter in case you need it you already have it.

Please let me know if this meets your needs.

Sincerely,

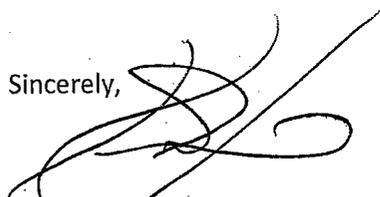
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Guy Childs
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Sacramento, Ca

From: Kevin Hinman
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From January 2013 to August 2014, medical and financial difficulties combined with divorce proceedings affected my ability to adhere to the permit regulating the testing requirements of the pond system at Holland Riverside Marina 7000 Holland Tract Rd Brentwood, Ca 94548. We are currently back on track with Robbie Phillips at Alpha Analytical Labs Dublin Ca for the required testing. A detailed accounting of the events from January 2013 and August 2014 are available upon your request. Thank you for seeing me regarding this matter and for your patience with resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kevin Hinman', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Kevin Hinman

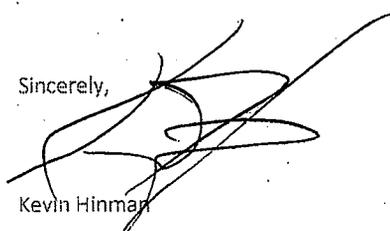
To whom it may concern,

In the first week of Jan 2013 I developed significant pain in my upper back. After seeing a chiropractor several times the chiropractor concluded that something more severe was going on in my back and ordered an MRI. The pain was so intense I was unable to remain still for the 20 minutes necessary to perform the MRI and I was subscribed medication for pain management. With the medication I was able to handle the MRI procedure. The MRI indicated that I was suffering from Spinal Stenosis of the cervical spine and Arthritis of the Cervical Spine. I underwent a surgical epidural procedure which is well known to immediately help with this type of condition. However one rare side effect of this specific epidural is increased localized pain rather than relief from the pain, which is what occurred in my case. Subsequently I underwent additional MRI's plus an ultrasound which revealed that at some point I had suffered a slight stroke in addition to the cervical conditions. The ultrasound was followed by a barrage of other tests for heart conditions and cognitive retention which fortunately I did well with. No problems there. I was referred to open spinal surgeons and specialty spinal institutions. Surgeon recommendations vary widely with cervical spinal treatments and surgeries. I was told I would need 4 discs replaced and fusing of 3 vertebrae with titanium plates via access through the front of my neck below the chin while pushing the esophagus aside for access. By then it is April 2013 and I had been bed ridden for months on medications & the use of a 10's unit (electric shock impulse treatment) and was prescribed physical therapy twice a week at the John Muir Medical Facility in Brentwood, Ca.. It was an extremely scary time. I began looking into other options involving endoscopic surgery which is state of the art and few surgeons available with cervical qualifications. I was inquiring with surgical centers in Florida, Newport, Ca and Scottsdale Arizona. The cost for the surgeries was very expensive. I found one surgeon, Dr. Niragi, in San Francisco operating apart from the far away facilities who took me in as a patient. After my first interview with Dr. Niragi he ascertained with the use of the MRI's, ultrasound and his personal physical observation of my reactions to particular movements, Dr. Niragi determined that I may be salvageable with a less common epidural procedure called Faucet Shots where by way of video guided precise injections in an area on the back edge, center of the spine relieves the severe nerve pain. Dr. Niragi is very good and exhausts every less intrusive option before moving to endoscopic or open surgery. Particularly with the cervical spine, all the modern technology, MRI's and ultrasounds only give doctors a relative guide. All that information does not tell them exactly where the pain is emanating from. They can determine the obvious such as spinal stenosis and arthritis however surgeries and treatments are frequently exploratory guesswork. There is no guarantee. Dr. Niragi performed the faucet epidural procedure on me and 3 weeks following I was back on my feet and healthy again. Dr. Niragi pretty much saved my life. I am strong and working again though with a little more caution. I can do nearly anything I have been doing my entire life and look forward to the challenge of catching up with virtually all aspects of my life again.

During the course of these severe medical problems I also was going through a divorce. June 17 2013 was the date the divorce began. The financial difficulties during this time severely impeded my ability to adhere to many aspects of Holland Riverside Marina operations. With those difficulties behind me I am now getting back on track stronger than before with the operations of Holland Riverside.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,



Kevin Hinman