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Dear Mr. Gibson:

Happy New Year.

As you may remember at the December RWQCB hearing, Board member Henry Abarbanel, stated to Michael McSweeney-BIA's Sr. Public Policy Advisor, during his remarks to the Board, "if you can draft a better permit, bring it to the February meeting and we'll consider it (my paraphrase of his comment).

The BIA and our Coalition partners wish to present to your Board a version of the Permit as Board member Abarbanel had requested. As both the co-permittees and Coastkeeper did at the November hearing, we'd like to request 30 minutes to make our presentation to the Board. We will have slides in a PowerPoint format because in many instances, a picture is worth a thousand words.

We are presenting our ideas and suggested permit language in a spirit of cooperation and good faith. We are incorporating ideas from outside our Coalition, including environmentalists and co-permittees. We are excited to share our ideas, because we believe we can demonstrate an accelerated way to reduce pollutants in our region's watersheds.

It is not, nor has it been our intent, to diminish the work of your staff or the RWQCB. Our sincere intent is to unleash our experts engineering knowledge base to benefit the entire community.

By continuing to work together, we believe great strides can be made in pollutant removal regionally.

I look forward to your favorable reply.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Borre Winckel', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Borre Winckel
On behalf of the Coalition