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Ms. Wendy Wyels
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Dear Ms. Wyels,

In follow up to our telephone conversation of last week regarding Mule Creek State Prison, I am sending you some enclosed documents.

I am the Director of Golf at the Castle Oaks Golf Club, currently under contract to dispose of the City of Ione/ ARSA tertiary treated wastewater.

The documents seem to indicate that Mule Creek agreed to build a tertiary plant in order to dispose of wastewater by land or into surface waters i.e. Mule and Sutter Creeks. Statements made by correction officials on the November 3rd meeting indicate that the plant is only a secondary treatment facility.

I am not aware if any of the provisions in the documents or Regional Board orders have been rescinded.

I would also like to know when the 10 million gallons of wastewater are discharged into the creeks as over the years we have been flooded several times. We always assumed that this was from rainwater. But could it possibly be from this discharge?

I am hoping that Mr. George Sifuentes, of the Department of Corrections, will be able to secure funding in order to correct this oversight, in the very near future.

Mule and Sutter Creeks flow through much of the golf course property and in the interests of safety to our employees and the many thousands of customers, it would be much safer if the wastewater discharged from the prison was treated to the level originally approved.

Very soon, there will be families living alongside Mule Creek that potentially could be harmed by coming into contact with this secondary treated wastewater.

I do not know if the NPDES PERMIT # CA0082023 is still in effect or if the Regional Board removed the requirement for the wastewater to be treated to a tertiary level, but the City of Ione's attorney states that the contact between Corrections, Ione, Amador County and the School District is still in effect.

I am puzzled by how a tertiary plant did not get built which would have been much safer in the event of a spill.

With the current and future situation of prison overcrowding in facilities that simply cannot treat wastewater to a safe and legal level, tertiary plants should be mandatory as it was originally at Mule Creek State Prison.

I hope that the Regional Board will assist in encouraging Mule Creek State Prison to correct the oversight by constructing a tertiary treatment plant in the very near future.

Thank you,

Sincerely,



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