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May 27, 2011

Carole Groom, President
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Jean S. Fraser, Chief
San Mateo County Health System
222 West 37th Street
San Mateo, CA 94403

Re: Notification Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25180.7 Sediment Contamination in Redwood Creek, Redwood City, California

Dear Ms. Groom and Ms. Fraser:

This notification is provided pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25180.7 on behalf of all designated employees of the City of Redwood City, California. The City has been studying the feasibility of dredging the Redwood Creek channel to facilitate small craft navigation in the vicinity of its marina. In connection with those efforts, designated employees of the City have obtained information revealing that sediments in Redwood Creek contain various hazardous substances, including metals, pesticides and PCBs. We understand that these substances are commonly found in sediments in San Francisco Bay and its tributaries.

It is unclear to us whether the Health and Safety Code requires notification of this condition. First, the City staff has no risk assessment expertise and are unable to render an opinion as to whether the presence of these substances in creek sediments poses a substantial risk to public health or safety. In addition, we have no information as to whether the hazardous substances came to be located in Redwood Creek sediment as a result of illegal discharges or by other means (such as historical stormwater runoff from legal uses of these substances). Finally, we cannot ascertain whether the hazardous substances found in creek sediment meet the formal definition hazardous waste, because we do not know the origin of the substances. This notification is made out of an abundance of caution and for your information.

If you have questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact the undersigned.

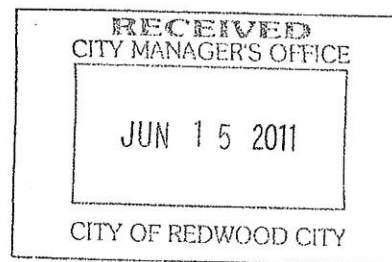
Sincerely,

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Robert Bell
City Manager



San Mateo County Health System



June 7, 2011

Mr. Robert Bell
City Manager
City of Redwood City
1017 Middlefield Road
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RE: Notification Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25180.7
Sediment Contamination in Redwood Creek, Redwood City, California

Dear Mr. Bell,

Thank you for your Notification pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25180.7. The Notification was the result of a feasibility study involving the dredging of Redwood Creek and the "potential" for the dredged material to pose a risk to the public health and safety. We appreciate your prompt action in providing information to us.

As the project progresses and the work plan and Health and Safety plan are developed please keep us informed. When the material that will be dredged is sampled and analyzed a waste determination must be made. Once the waste determination is performed a material handling plan can be developed and the applicability of H&S Section 25180.7 can be determined. It is our understanding that dredging projects in the San Francisco Bay are overseen by the Army Corp. of Engineers.

The County's Environmental Health Division provides regulatory oversight and technical assistance for hazardous waste handling and reporting. In an effort to assist you with the project Sabrina Mih with Environmental Health has been assigned to assist you. Sabrina may be reached at 650-372-6235.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jean S. Fraser".

Jean S. Fraser
Chief

cc: Honorable Carole Groom, Board of Supervisors
Dean Peterson, Director, Environmental Health

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