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VIA U.S. MAIL AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

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San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
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Louise Rogers, Chief
San Mateo County Health System
225 37th Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94403

Re: *Inner Harbor Specific Plan – Draft EIR and Redwood Creek Sediment Sampling*

Dear Ms. Groom and Ms. Rogers:

In 2011, the City of Redwood City (“City”) provided your offices with a notification pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25180.7, with regard to sediment contamination identified in Redwood Creek. The circumstance was identified as part of the City’s feasibility evaluation of dredging the Creek to facilitate small craft navigation in the vicinity of the marina. A copy of the City’s May 27, 2011 letter, and the County of San Mateo’s June 7, 2011 response, are enclosed here for your ease of reference.

Following up, the City is continuing our evaluation of projects in and around the Inner Harbor, and to this end, is pleased to notify you that the City will soon release, for public review, the draft Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) for the Inner Harbor Specific Plan. We expect your office will receive that Draft EIR for review through the State Clearinghouse and other appropriate channels; it will also be posted on the City’s website at www.redwoodcity.org/innerharbor. The City looks forward to working with the County on this effort.

While the Inner Harbor Specific Plan and EIR do not anticipate a specific project to dredge Redwood Creek to facilitate small craft navigation near the marina, the City nonetheless plans to further examine and characterize the contaminants identified in the 2011 sampling, and

assess appropriate responsive action at that time. The City will keep your office apprised of this effort. The City is mindful that construction of facilities envisioned within the specific plan area may result in minor shoreline disturbance and regular marina maintenance may include dredging activities from time-to-time. In addition, any floating home community, whether existing or new, would likely require dredging as part of maintenance or construction of a new community. The City's further examination and characterization may be useful to the regulation and/or oversight of those potential future efforts.

After the project evaluation process is complete, we will work with your office and other relevant regulatory agencies, as appropriate. Should you have any questions, or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me (650) 780-7293.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron Akin', with a stylized, cursive flourish.

Aaron Akin
Interim City Manager

Enclosures