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Correspondence from
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John Kopchik
Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and Development Director
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

Re: Amendments to Contra Costa County General Plan and Ordinance Code Regarding Flooding
(County File Nos. GP16-0004 and ZT16-0002)

Mr. Kopchik:

We understand that on June 14, 2016 the Contra Costa County Planning Commission will consider amendments to Contra Costa County General Plan and Ordinance Code Regarding Flooding (County File Nos. GP16-0004 and ZT16-0002): Reclamation District 799 (RD 799) was established in 1901, and covers approximately 3,100 acres of land within Contra Costa County. RD 799 is responsible for providing flood control and interior drainage for Hotchkiss Tract. RD 799 maintains almost 9 miles of levee, and also operates and maintains an interior drainage system consisting of ditches and pumps stations.

As an agency providing flood control services within Contra Costa County, RD 799 welcomes the County's efforts to strengthen the linkage between land use planning and floodplain management practices. To further these efforts, and to ensure greater coordination and communication between our two agencies, we respectfully request that RD 799 be included early in the review process for future projects and actions being considered for approval/permitting by Contra Costa County within Hotchkiss Tract.

To ensure that proposed land uses within Hotchkiss Tract are compatible with RD 799's operation and maintenance of its levees and internal drainage system, we respectfully request that the Contra Costa County General Plan and Ordinance Code be amended to require all permits and land use applications for projects within 300 feet of an RD 799 levee and/or drainage facility be referred to RD 799 for review and comment before the County takes any action or issues any approvals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Alvarez", is written over a horizontal line.

Mike Alvarez
General Manager, RD 799