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**Subject: Letter Dated February 16, 2010 Regarding Position on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Proposal to Permanently Sequester Fine Sediments in Matilija Canyon**

Paul,

On behalf of the Ventura County Public Works Agency and the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (District), we are in receipt of your letter regarding the above. We are in the process of providing a detailed response to the four issues of concern to the Matilija Coalition which will be sent to you no later than Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Like the Coalition, we are also committed to removing the Matilija Dam in the most cost effective manner while maintaining the Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration objectives. In fact, this has been the basis for examining alternatives such as upstream sequestering option. Objectives we are striving to achieve in a new solution include:

- Ensuring constructability
- Finding an environmentally superior solution
- Reducing risks to water suppliers

We are always open to solutions that the Coalition would like to explore, and we will take into consideration your suggestion to obtain opinions and ideas from others with technical expertise in river and habitat restoration. We will keep you posted on our progress.

Sincerely,

  
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Jeff Pratt, Director  
Public Works Agency

  
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