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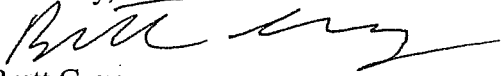
RE: Slope Instability, 1225 Franklin Ranch Road, Goleta, California

Dear Mr. Salentine,

The Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board (COMB) operates and maintains the South Coast Conduit (SCC) which is a 48-inch diameter water pipeline that supplies approximately 80% of the water to the south coast communities of Santa Barbara County. The SCC runs through the property at 1225 Franklin Ranch Road and we have recently become aware of the slope instability that could adversely affect the SCC as noted in the Campbell Geo letter of May 12, 2008. It is very important that the hillside be stabilized to ensure the integrity of the SCC as soon as possible but not later than the beginning of the 2008/2009 winter season. It is of utmost importance that the integrity of this line is not compromised due to a slope failure as that could cause a major disruption in water service to the south coast communities. Furthermore, if the slope fails during the rainy season, it could take longer due to erosion and potential weather delays.

We appreciate your willingness to take responsibility for the stabilization of the hillside where the line is located. It is our understanding that you are willing to perform this work and under permit with the County of Santa Barbara and at no cost to COMB. We hope that the work can be permitted and undertaken in a timely manner. Please submit the proposed slope stabilization plan to COMB for review and approval prior to obtaining the County permit and please contact us with your plans and schedule for this work.

Sincerely,


Brett Gray
Operations Supervisor

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