

March 25, 2003

Mr. Haig Kelegian
26 Sunset Cove
Newport Cliffs, Ca. 92657

Re: Kelegian Ranch, Santa Margarita - Erosion Control Inspection

Dear Haig:

On March 4, 2003, we escorted Regional Water Quality Control Staff on an inspection of the erosion control measures on your property near Santa Margarita. The inspection was cordial and it was noted by RWQCB staff that vegetative growth throughout the majority of the site was substantial and the areas stabilized.

We inquired a number of time as to what staff felt would be the most effective controls to install in several areas. Staff would not offer an opinion regarding the erosion control measures and noted that in two areas where erosion control devices were overwhelmed there was technically a violation of the permit. We responded that repairing the erosion control measures would proceed as soon as possible.

The Notice of Violation dated March 11, 2003, is misleading and contradictory. First, the majority of the cleared area is stabilized and is or will be removed from the permit area which differs from the statement that there is widespread erosion on the site. Second, the letter calls for the removal of straw wattles and hay bales from a creek and then directs you to "install enviroberm porous sediment control as shown on the erosion control plan" which is back in the creek.

We have revised the SWPPP and submitted it to the RWQCB for review. We will be revising the plan again in the near future to reflect additional areas that are stabilized and will be removed from the permit area.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely;

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cc Dave Williams
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