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County Supervisor Marion Ashley
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Attn: Jaime Hurtado

MARCH 7, 2008 REQUEST FOR COMMENTS CONCERNING WILDERMUTH ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT ON WATER QUALITY IMPACTS IN THE CHERRY VALLEY COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

Dear Supervisor Ashley:

This is in response to a request by Jaime Hurtado of your staff for comments concerning the report prepared by Wildermuth Environmental entitled, "Water Quality Impacts from On-Site Waste Disposal Systems in the Cherry Valley Community of Interest, March 2007." As I discussed with Mr. Hurtado, Wildermuth Environmental is a well-respected engineering firm with extensive water quality experience.

The subject report was reviewed by Cindy Li, Ph.D., an engineering geologist on Regional Board staff. Dr. Li found the report to be credible and that it identified a number of water quality concerns related to the use of individual waste disposal systems in the Cherry Valley area.

We are supportive of efforts by Riverside County staff to respond to the concerns identified by the Wildermuth Environmental report, and we look forward to continued cooperation between the County and the Regional Board in this matter. Should there be any further questions concerning this important issue, our staff contacts on this project are Dr. Cindy Li at 951-782-4906 and Hope Smythe at 951-782-4493.

Sincerely,

Gerard J. Thibeault
Executive Officer

cc. Regional Board
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March 18, 2008

Marion Ashley, Fifth District Supervisor
Riverside County Board of Supervisors
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RE: Wildermuth Water Impact Report

Dear Supervisor Ashley,

The Department of Environmental Health has reviewed the report entitled *Water Quality Impacts from On-Site Waste Disposal Systems in the Cherry Valley Community of Interest- March 2007* prepared by Wildermuth Environmental. Department staff evaluated the findings and methodology of the report, attended community meetings to hear concerns, and discussed the report with the Regional Water Quality Control Board staff (RWQCB).

The report appears to be based on factual data. We concur with the RWQCB that the report made credible findings and adequately identified a number of water quality concerns in the Cherry Valley area related to the use of conventional individual on-site waste water disposal systems.

Sincerely,

Gary Root, Director
Department of Environmental Health

GR:JW

cc: John Watkins, Deputy Director, Environmental Resources Management