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Subject: Martinez Regional Shoreline Restoration Plan
Contract Number 97-N17

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Dear Mr. Snow:

The East Bay Regional Park District ("EBRPD") has been discussing this project with your staff for some time. Recently, the EBRPD has been requested to complete and finalize this contract by the end of March. This recent deadline does not allow us to finalize this contract with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), therefore we request that the grant award of \$325,000 in 1997 Category II funds be withdrawn at this time.

While we believe it is unfortunate that so few CALFED projects are funded in Contra Costa County, we are very pleased that the City of Martinez and Caltrans have agreed to fund the \$2,000,000 wetland restoration project at Martinez Regional Shoreline that is described in the EBRPD's original application. Caltrans and the City will be constructing a project there to benefit fisheries and other endangered species' habitat. Phillip Williams and Associates and Caltrans have prepared a restoration plan as an element of implementing the marsh restoration at that location. Construction is now expected to begin in late 1999. Happily, the scope of work for the restoration plan as proposed by the EBRPD in its application to CALFED can now be moved forward by these other agencies. EBRPD, CALFED and the NFWF staff discussed the potential of changing the scope of work to enlarge this restoration project, to include the CALFED funding, however, the lack of CALFED flexibility does not allow for this.

We look forward to working with CALFED in the future to see that additional projects can in fact be awarded and completed in the East Bay.

Sincerely,

Pat O'Brien
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