

# ATTACHMENT A

May 31, 2005

Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District California  
Department of Fish and Game  
California Department of Conservation  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
State Lands Commission  
State Reclamation Board  
Yolo County  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Dear

The purpose of this letter is to request your agency's input regarding: 1) any new or revised environmental circumstances or regulations that have occurred since 1996, related to the protection of environmental resources over which your agency has jurisdiction; and, 2) whether those changed circumstances or regulations should be applied to gravel mining permits that were issued by the County in 1996 for mining operations along lower Cache Creek within Yolo County and are currently up for limited interim review.

Background:

The Yolo County Cache Creek Area Plan (CCAP) was adopted by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors (BOS) in August of 1996 and approved by County voters in November of 1996. The CCAP is comprised of the Off-Channel Mining Plan (OCMP) which is a mining and reclamation plan and the Cache Creek Resources Management Plan (CCRMP) which is a creek management plan. The OCMP was accompanied by two implementing ordinances: the Off-Channel Surface Mining Ordinance (Mining Ordinance) and the Surface Mining Reclamation Ordinance (Reclamation Ordinance).

Under the authority of the DCMP and both implementing ordinances, the BOS approved five off-channel Mining and Reclamation Permits (Permits) in November of 1996. These permits were each for a 30-year period and they were contingent on individual Development Agreements (DAs) which were executed in January of 1997.

Among the many terms of the Permits, one was the requirement for "Interim Permit Review". Section 10-4.605 of the Mining Ordinance and Section 10-5.814 of the Reclamation Ordinance which mirror one another in requiring specified interim reviews of the Permits. Such reviews were required at 10 years, 20 years, and 30 years. A discretionary review is allowed at 15 years. The DAs establish the effective date of each of the Permits as January 1, 1997. Therefore, the following schedule is applicable:

January 1, 1997	Effective date.
January 1, 2007	Date by which 10-year interim review must be complete.
January 1, 2012	Date by which 15-year discretionary review must be complete, if required.
January 1, 2017	Date by which 20-year interim review must be complete
January 1, 2027	Date by which 30-year interim review must be complete
January 1, 2027	Expiration date for Permits unless extended.