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**Subject:** Excess Sediment Work Plan Comments

Rebecca,

I apologize for the late comments and revisions. Our attached written revisions are imbedded into the document and focus on the Mad River tasks starting on page 129 and continuing to page 131. Sections highlighted in yellow have been rewritten to better reflect the actual scope of work that Natural Resources Services of RCAA has with the Regional Water Board. I believe this greater level of task detail clarifies roles and strengthens the approach. It may, however, represent more detail than you wish to include in the plan relative to other watersheds, so revise as needed. I just wanted you to know from the horse's mouth what we are currently contracted to do.

The section highlighted in aqua on page 131 reflects our desire to see the Work Plan offer more "carrots" than "hammers", i.e., more incentives for landowners rather than a threatening list of enforcement actions that will be taken.

A big concern of our large landowners is duplication of efforts and regulatory consistency. Before the excess sediment work plan came out, we had assumed that the Mad River Watershed Management Plan would address the entire watershed and cover all land owners in the watershed. The work plan, however, proposes to develop separately with USFS, Green Diamond, Pacific Lumber, Gravel Mining Interests, County Roads, etc. ownership-wide WDR's. We understand the value in this approach since these entities have holdings in multiple watersheds. These interests comprise roughly 70% of the land area of the watershed. Does this mean that we should completely adjust our scope of work to focus on small landowners? How do we create a comprehensive management plan in this manner?

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