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Subject: Item No. 12 on the July 14th, 2011 Board Hearing

Dear Mr. Unger,

Congratulations to the staff of the Regional Board and the staff of the City of Malibu, and all those who worked so hard to create an Agreement that is doable: a strict, tough, practical Agreement.

This MOU stops litigation by the City (as it would have been impossible to perform what was mandated) which is why (with the encouragement of the Chair of the State Board) the negotiations were successful.

This MOU leads immediately to the expenditure of thousands of man hours and millions of dollars being spent on construction drawings and reports that will lead to a timely performance, per the original mandate, of this historic environmental work. A substantial amount of these funds come from the landowners in the Civic Center.

The timing of this MOU is now, while the implementation stars are in alignment. A broad coalition of private and public sector financial supporters have signed on to a very open and public process by the City and Regional Board. Properties listed in Phase 2 are asking to be included in Phase 1!

Of course there will be those folks who say this isn't enough. They, in the immortal words of Dennis Rodman, "want it all, baby!", and never seem to want to compromise to anything doable. They will ask for more time. They will say they didn't have a chance to analyze. They will say that the Regional Board Staff wasn't tough enough. Fighting and litigating is their sport, this MOU isn't a sport tool...

...it is a coordinated effort on behalf of the regional and state boards, the City of Malibu, scientists, landowners, and residents who want to make a historic environmental step forward.

Respectfully,



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