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Dear Brian Verria:

This letter is written in response to E & L Westcoast's application for a permit to place dredged or fill material, as part of a road & bridge construction project, on acreage causing permanent and temporary impacts to waters of the United States and adjacent wetlands. We are the landowners of acreage within the areas to be impacted. The property we own is located on the north and south sides of Dirks Road and adjacent to the east side of the Glenn-Colusa Canal. The alternative bridge replacement and road alignments shown by the drawing on figure #6 would cause a permanent and temporary impact to our property, the permanent impact would be loss of farm land. The drawing on figure #3 shows the area that will be impacted and also a temporary construction staging area which includes a fill embankment.

We have several concerns related to the proposed construction projects. One being the interruption of our irrigation water flows, both at inlet and drainage sites, and the impact of relocating the irrigation ditch shown in all of the alternatives.

Also the area shown as a freshwater marsh on our property was created by seepage

through the levee of the Glenn Colusa Irrigation Canal. Excavation or dredging taking place on or adjacent to the levee on either side of Dirks Road, could cause additional seepage with unknown damages.

We have asked E & L Westcoast for project engineers or a qualified representative to meet with us to discuss and explain what types of construction activities would be taking place on our property. Including the short and long term impacts and how these impacts would affect our growing of organic rice in these fields. As of this date E& L Westcoast has not answered to our requests to meet with an engineer or a qualified representative. In fact our only meeting scheduled for early November was cancelled by E & L Westcoast. Also as of this date E & L does not own any of the property that we described or discussed in this letter nor have they entered into an agreement to purchase the property.

Thank you in advance for taking this letter into consideration as part of the permit process.

Sincerely,

William Dirks

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