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Richard Harris
San Francisco Public Golf Alliance
235 Montgomery St., #400
San Francisco, CA. 94104

Re: Regional Sediment Management Plan – San Francisco Littoral Cell

Dear Mr. Harris:

The San Francisco Public Golf Alliance's (Alliance) letter dated February 18 on the above-referenced matter has been referred to me for response.

The California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) requested that the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) -- through our program the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (Partnership), provide specific and limited support for a public engagement and outreach process as part of an effort to develop a regional sediment management plan for the San Francisco littoral cell. ABAG/Partnership agreed to assist and is currently under contract with DBW to do so. The meetings you have attended are part of that engagement process.

Along with other public comments on the effort thus far, the Partnership has received or memorialized the Alliance's comments on the possible contents of a regional sediment management plan for the San Francisco littoral cell. We will provide all such comments to the Coastal Sediment Management Working Group (CSMW)¹ which will decide on the contents of the final plan.

Please understand that the consulting firm ESA PWA has been retained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) as a consultant on the project. ABAG/ Partnership had no role in the solicitation, selection, or retention of ESA PWA and has no formal or contractual relationship with them. I understand that ACE has referred your letter to their counsel to review the concerns about a possible conflict of interest on the part of ESA PWA. ABAG/Partnership defers to ACE on this issue and will take no other action on it.

Regards,



Kenneth Moy
Legal Counsel

Cc: Ezra Rapport
Judy Kelly
Suzie Ming

¹ The CSMW is described here: <http://dbw.ca.gov/csmw/default.aspx>
A list of the members of the working group is here: <http://dbw.ca.gov/csmw/links.aspx>