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Terry Vierra, President  
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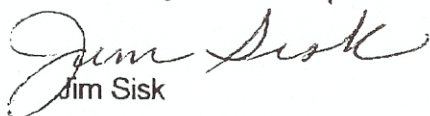
Subject: Acquisition of a Conservation Easement, District owned Watershed Area

Dear President Vierra and Board Members:

I am writing regarding a 1.24 acre parcel that my son and I have recently acquired at 495 and 497 Lockewood Lane in the City of Scotts Valley. We are proposing to develop the property consistent with the City's General Plan into a ten (10) unit residential project. This area of the County is the habitat of the Mount Hermon June Beetle, which is an endangered species per Federal Law. This property has been tested and two (2) Beetles were found on the site. I am currently working with the Department of Fish and Wildlife preparing a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) so that I can obtain the proper permits to develop the property. As apart of the HCP I am setting aside on site a Habitat area around a large Ponderosa Pine, which is believed to be a food source for the Beetle. Additionally, I am required to set aside off site an area of equal size to the area on site that I will be disturbing. This is .56 acres. The area to be set aside would be in the form of a Conservation Easement not outright ownership. It would be unusable watershed area. Richard Arnold of Entomological Consulting is preparing the HCP for me and suggested that I contact the District regarding the possibility of acquiring such an easement. I will prepare all of the necessary documents and pay any and all expenses that might be incurred by the District. The intent being that District staff and Board time would be minimized. Of course I would expect to pay a fair and appropriate price for the easement.

I would like to discuss this matter directly with the Board, therefore please advise me of a Board meeting that I may appear at. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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