



THREE RIVERS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

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Re: TRLIA Feather River Levee Improvement Project 22nd Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) and financial report, dated December 2, 2013 and Statement of Costs, dated November 30, 2013

Attached is the 22nd QPR and Financial Report for the time period of July 1, 2013 to September 30, 2013, dated December 2, 2013. Also included for your review is a Final Statement of Costs and detailed listing of invoices for the 22nd Quarter, dated November 30, 2013. The electronic versions of these documents are posted on the TRLIA FTP site along with electronic copies of the statement of costs paid for the quarter.

This Report identifies several key items that need your immediate attention:

- **Item 1:** There are multiple distinct planned projects in the setback area that are anticipated to lead to different land transfer dates for the properties. The anticipated land transfer dates for the various land uses extend beyond the current Feather River EIP funding agreement date of June 30, 2014. Recommend the funding agreement date needs to be extended to June 30, 2016.
- **Item 2:** TRLIA has received several calls recently from the farmers that have the TRLIA farm leases in the Feather Setback Area. We have now **reached a crucial time** for the farmers. Their leases end next June 30 and they need to know if they will be extended so that they can begin to make additional money investments into the orchards and begin their winter maintenance. I have identified this issue to DWR for several years and have been told DWR wants to wait until the Lower Feather River Corridor Management Plan is done to make a decision. It is my understanding as a member of the Lower Feather River Management team that the TRLIA farm leases are recommended to stay in the draft Corridor Plan. It is unknown when the Final Corridor Plan will be approved. Ultimately TRLIA wants to extend the leases for a long term (15 to 30 years) to provide farmers the ability to plan future maintenance and replacement investments for the leased orchards. However, I understand DWR may need more time to come to the same conclusion. Recommend for now to avoid this Agricultural crisis I ask that DWR please allow TRLIA to immediately extend the current leases for at least a couple of years.

Please feel free to contact me, if you have questions or comments. My phone numbers are: 530-749-5679 (office), and 916-765-4981 (cell).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul G. Brunner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" being the most prominent.

Paul G. Brunner, P.E.
Executive Director

Attachments: 22nd QPR and financial report, dated December 2, 2013
Final Statement of Costs for 22nd Quarter, dated November 30, 2013

cc: Michael Sabbaghian/DWR
Liz Bryson/DWR
Seth Wurzel/TRLIA
Ric Reinhardt – Larry Dacus/TRLIA