



April 6, 2009

Honorable Mike Chrisman
Secretary for Resources
State of California
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Statewide Watershed Advisory Committee Resignation

Dear Secretary Chrisman:

Thank you very much for the honor and opportunity to have served on the Statewide Watershed Advisory Committee during these past 18 months. With the support of great staff from the Department of Conservation and under the leadership of Robert Meacher and Martha Davis, the Committee worked to complete a framework for defining a statewide watershed program for California. It is heartening to know that our work has now culminated in the introduction of the California Watershed Protection and Restoration Act (AB 1520) and I am pleased that Sonoma County's own Assembly Member Noreen Evans is the author.

I recently informed Bridgett Luther and John Lowrie of my intention to step down from the Committee. I will be leaving my position as General Manager of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District on April 20, 2009 to accept a new position advising Santa Cruz County and the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County on developing a countywide conservation strategy and open space district. I have recommended to Bridgett Luther that Karen Gaffney be appointed as my replacement. Karen joined the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District in December 2008 and is the Stewardship and Natural Resources Manager. Prior to coming to the District, Karen served as Ecological Restoration Program Manager for Circuit Riders in Sonoma County, specializing in riparian restoration and watershed planning and management. Subsequently, Karen co-founded West Coast Watershed Consulting, and served as the consultant program manager for the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Mackenzie".

Andrea Mackenzie
General Manager

c: Bridgett Luther
John Lowrie