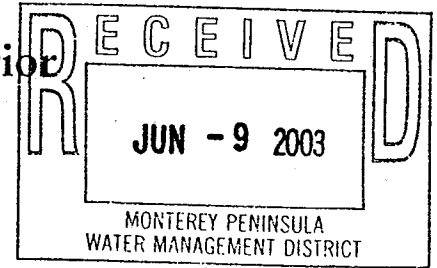




**EXHIBIT 6-A**

**United States Department of the Interior**

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June 2, 2003

Ms. Fran Farina, Acting General Manager  
Monterey Peninsula Water  
Management District  
Post Office Box 85  
Monterey, California 93942-0085

Subject: Carmel River near Carmel Gage, Letter of Continuation, Water Year 2004

Dear Ms. Farina:

This letter confirms discussions between our respective staffs, concerning the continuation of the cooperative water resources program between the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for the period November 1, 2003 to October 31, 2004.

The proposed program and associated costs are as follows:

| <u>Station number and name</u>    | <u>District<br/>Funds</u> | <u>USGS<br/>Funds</u> | <u>Total<br/>Funds</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 11143250 Carmel River near Carmel | \$ 8,550                  | \$ 8,550              | \$ 17,100              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>\$ 8,550</b>           | <b>\$ 8,550</b>       | <b>\$ 17,100</b>       |

Total cost of the proposed program is \$17,100. Cost to the District is \$ 8,550, and subject to the availability of Federal matching funds, the USGS will provide \$ 8,550

If you are in agreement with the continuation of our cooperative water resources program, please provide us with a three originals of a letter patterned after the enclosed draft. Work performed with funds from this agreement will be conducted on a fixed-price basis.

The USGS is required to have an agreement in place prior to any work being performed on a project. We request that a letter of continuation be returned prior to November 1, 2003. If a letter of continuation is not received by November 1, we will be required to suspend operations until an agreement is received.

Ms. Fran Farina, Acting General Manager

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U.S. Geological Survey  
Water Resources Division  
District Chief, California District  
Placer Hall, 6000 J Street, Suite 2012  
Sacramento, California 95819-6129

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the agreement between the United States Geological Survey and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, dated October 1, 1999, providing for cooperative investigation of the water resources of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District area, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District hereby proposes and agrees to provide \$8,550.00 for continuation of work during the period November 1, 2003 to October 31, 2004.

We shall be glad to have your acceptance of the proposal with the understanding that the cooperative funds indicated above will be matched by funds of the United States Geological Survey.

Sincerely,

**PLEASE SEND THREE ORIGINALS OF THE SIGNED LETTER OF CONTINUATION**