



EXHIBIT 15-A

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Honorable Bruce McPherson
California State Senate, 15th District
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942848
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Subject: SB 149 and SB 1529

Dear Senator McPherson:

I write this letter at the direction of the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District in response to your memo of March 30, 2004. You request feedback on the preliminary draft language you propose for both Senate Bill 149 and Senate Bill 1529.

On March 31, 2004, the Board of Directors voiced its opposition to the draft amendments by a vote of 5 to 1, with one member absent.

The Board of Directors specifically asks that the existing structure and composition of the Board remain intact, without change.

The draft amendments, as crafted, are not acceptable. The District Board asks that it be more involved in the legislative process, and therefore invites both Senator McPherson and Assemblyman Laird to meet with the Board of Directors to discuss these bills, and any changed language that may be included in them. I have been directed to set a special meeting for this purpose to accommodate your schedule.

In your response to our request, the District respectfully asks that you provide a timetable for all legislative activities on this bill, and that you direct your staff to provide timely updates for any change to that schedule. These courtesies will facilitate the collaborative decision making process that you promote.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alvin Edwards".

Alvin Edwards, Chair
MPWMD Board of Directors

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