



EXHIBIT 5-E

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FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION ON 4/29/04

April 29, 2004

Honorable Bruce McPherson
California State Senate
State Capitol – Room 4081
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 1529

Dear Senator McPherson:

At both your meeting on Saturday, April 17, 2004, and in your most recent correspondence to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD or District) on April 19th, you indicated a desire to continue a direct dialog about issues and to work collaboratively rather than submitting a bill to which there is significant opposition.

We do not believe that answering a list of questions is a helpful way to have a dialog and cooperative effort. We would be happy to meet with you at your convenience to discuss issues, but do not believe it is conducive to a cooperative effort to respond to written questions while you are moving a bill to which the District is opposed.

Sincerely,

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

Alvin Edwards, Chair

Cc: MPWMD Board of Directors
Edelstein & Gilbert