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To: Schneider, Fred; Guzman, Glen
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Subject: FW: Lake County Fish Farm
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## Good Morning Alex:

The SA required that a reclamation plan would be submitted for review and that no reclamation activity would occur until the property owner received a written notice to proceed from the County. The SA also stated that material could be hauled up to 250,000 CY either (1) after reclamation of ponds 13-26 or (2) concurrent with performing reclamation activities.

Material is being hauled from this property event though the reclamation plan was just recently submitted. (I have personally seen fully loaded trucks leaving this property two days in a row this past week). The reclamation plan has not yet been approved, nor has the County issued a notice to proceed. Additionally, we are once again getting complaints from residents that your client has been excavating the back 40 acres and that there are now holes in the ground with standing water. I'm guessing even though he is hauling material from the property without an approved reclamation plan, he has not made any attempt at actually filling in ponds 13-26. The SA is very, very clear that at a minimum 6 ponds must be reclaimed no later than **August 15, 2020**, which is three months from the date the Court approved the SA, and more importantly 16 days from today.

The County has tried working with your client in good faith, but I am not confident that he is going to abide by the terms of the agreement as far as the reclamation requirements are concerned. I am respectfully requesting that the hauling immediately stops until a reclamation plan is approved. I also want to be up front with you that if a minimum of 6 ponds are not fully reclaimed by August 15, my office will be taking steps to get this matter back in front of the Judge as soon as possible.



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Melanie,

Will do.

Regards,

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#### Good Afternoon:

Code Enforcement has been communicating with your client on the status of the terms of the settlement agreement (SA). The following items are the most pressing:

- 1. Paragraph 2(A) indicates that at least six (6) ponds would be reclaimed within the first 3 months of court approval. (August 15<sup>th</sup>)
- 2. **Paragraph 2(J**) Prior to the start of reclamation LCFF will provide the Lake County Public Works Department a plan completed by an environmental or biological consultant identify the selected method(s) of reclamation. Upon plan approval written notice to proceed would be provided.
- 3. **Paragraph 2(L)** indicated that LCFF will provide a bond to the County for 100% of the estimated reclamation cost of ponds 1-26 and would be provided within 30 days of the date of this agreement.
- 4. **Paragraph 2(R)** Prior to the start of hauling the material off-site, LCFF will provide plans showing the material to be delivered or removed as indicated in the agreement.

Mr. Ivetic indicated that the bond is sitting on his desk and ready to be delivered which is well outside of the 30 days required under the SA. He also stated that he believes he is on track to reclaim the 6 ponds by August 15, but he can't reclaim the ponds until he submits the reclamation plan to the County for review and approval. Mr. Ivetic said he would start working on the reclamation plan and the plan showing the material to be delivered or removed from the site.

We are getting questions from the community as to his compliance with the agreement. Would you please follow up with your client on these items so that they ae completed as agreed upon in the SA?

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