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Dear Ms. Hargrave:

Please accept my apology for being unable to respond to your letter of August 8, 2003, earlier than today. As you may know, the Board of Supervisors was required to devote much of the month of August to matters pertaining to review and adoption of the County's annual budget. The much publicized situation with this year's State budget made the County's budget process more challenging than ever.

In response to your request for copies of written information pertaining to the County's AB 1905 funds on behalf of the Anderson Springs Community Alliance, enclosed herewith please find the following:

- a. A summary of the current fiscal year's appropriation of AB 1905 funds, as approved by the Board of Supervisors, along with the staff report that was considered by the Board during our budget hearings.
- b. Copies of the adopted budget for AB 1905 funds for the previous six years, along with copies of the actual revenue and expenditure accounting reports for those years, and copies of staff's budget narrative reports which were submitted to the Board during final budget hearings for each of those years.
- c. A copy of a report prepared in 1987, which lists the revenue received by the County from the AB 1905 legislation from the time of the legislation's enactment through fiscal year 1985/86 and an estimate of revenue for fiscal year 1986/87. Copies of pages from the County's actual budgets for fiscal years 1986/87 through the current fiscal year are also enclosed, which show the amount of revenue received in years after fiscal year 1985/86.
- d. Copies of various memoranda and other written materials on file in our office which pertain to the County's expenditures of AB 1905 funds.

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Although as of this date we have been unable to locate copies of written staff reports you requested which determine that no new geothermal development has occurred, it is common knowledge that there have been no new geothermal plants constructed in Lake County since 1989. This is supported by assessment records available in the Lake County Assessor's office and has been verified by County staff who interact with the geothermal industry on regulatory and other matters, including the individual who served for several years as the County's Geothermal Coordinator and Resource Manager.

In regard to your request for copies of written information which determines or provides evidence that substantial planning, maintenance and environmental mitigation of geothermal development have been achieved, there are several county departments involved and we do not maintain a centralized record keeping system where such information would be readily accessible. The Board of Supervisors is aware of the substantial planning, maintenance and environmental mitigation of geothermal development that has been achieved because of work county departments and the Board has accomplished over a period of many years. A review of the purposes for which AB 1905 funds have been expended since 1980, along with a review of the activities of the County's Air Quality Management District and our various other permitting agencies, clearly demonstrates that there has been substantial planning, maintenance and environmental mitigation of geothermal development in Lake County. Examples include the preparation and adoption of a geothermal element for the county General Plan, implementation of zoning ordinance standards for geothermal operations, implementation of air quality monitoring, oversight of water quality monitoring, oversight of revegetation projects, coordination of road maintenance and improvements, coordination with ongoing seismic monitoring activities, and coordination with related planning and mitigation efforts undertaken by state and federal agencies with primary authority for certain aspects of Geysers development and operations.

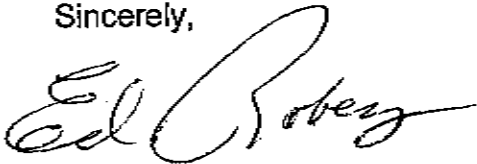
I hope the above information will be of assistance to members of the Anderson Springs Community Alliance. I would have been happy to provide this information directly to any resident of Anderson Springs had I been requested by any resident to do so. I remain committed to assisting the residents of Anderson Springs in addressing issues of importance to them and I look forward to working with them in a productive manner. I am very pleased that the Board of Supervisors recently approved my request to appropriate \$150,000 in this year's budget for purposes of financing a baseline study and geological profile in the vicinity of Anderson Springs.

I am confident that the County has expended its past allocations of AB 1905 funds in a manner which is consistent with the applicable provisions of the Public Resources Code. The Code does provide the Board of Supervisors with substantial discretion on how to utilize these funds. In recent years there have been many County general fund expenditures which could have been directly charged to AB 1905 funds but were not. I

have been successful in convincing my fellow Board members to appropriate much of our AB 1905 funds for special projects which benefit residents of the South County area, including residents of Middletown and Anderson Springs.

Rather than spending inordinate amounts of time researching old files and collecting information on how AB 1905 funds have been expended in past years, it would seem more productive for everyone involved to look to the future and focus on how the residents whom I represent on the Board of Supervisors would like to see future allocations of AB 1905 funds expended. In order for me to be able to convince other members of the Board of Supervisors to appropriate funds for specific purposes or projects desired by the community, I am in need of basic information identifying what those purposes and projects are and the relevant justification, including a rational basis for determining the amount of funding required for each purpose or project. I hope this is what we can focus on now and in the future as I look forward to continuing to work with the residents of Anderson Springs in order to address current and future issues of importance to our community.

Sincerely,



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County Supervisor - District 1

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Enclosures

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