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MILL POND DAM, NO. 2381  
(MENDOCINO)

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March 23, 2005

Mr. J.A. Lowe  
State of California  
The Resources Agency  
Department of Water Resources  
Division of Safety of Dams

Re : Mill Pond Dam  
Former Sawmill, Fort Bragg, California  
Dam No. 2381

*FJS says 4/17*  
*HHH Acting for 4/16/05*  
*DRB 2/16*  
*FILES*

Dear Mr. Lowe,

During the last inspection, we had requested delaying the repair of the crib wall until the future use of the mill pond has been determined. Currently there have not been any firm plans made for the use of the pond and subsequently the repair has not been performed. However, as you might be aware, the City of Fort Bragg has expressed interest in acquiring the "mill pond" along with some adjoining land. GP in their interest in supporting this acquisition has funded a hydrology study that is currently being performed to assess feasible alternatives that will address either full or partial decommissioning of the dam. These alternatives also will likely restore some of the historical coastal wetlands, the natural beach and reestablishment of the riparian environments. On February 9<sup>th</sup>, GP along with the city and our consultant, Stetson Engineers, attended an interagency meeting with the USACOE, CDFG, the Regional Water Board and the Coastal Commission to discuss these alternatives and review what opportunities and constraints are present. All agencies agreed that any of the alternatives would provide a significant improvement to the coastal environment. During this meeting they provided valuable feedback in what we might anticipate with regard to the permitting process to implement each alternative.

We appreciated your patience as we go through this process and will keep you updated as things progress. In the meantime, as a precautionary measure, there continues to be restricted access to the beach area below the dam and we continue to visually inspect the dam for any changes.

Sincerely,

Site Environmental Coordinator  
GA-PACIFIC WEST INC

cc:

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