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Mr. James Benney  
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Dear Mr. Benney:

I am responding on behalf of the Board of Directors to your January 2011 letter. The District appreciates your interest in Native American sites on the Los Vaqueros Watershed. These sites are protected under the Los Vaqueros Cultural Resource Management Plan approved by the California State Historic Preservation Officer and the National Historic Preservation Commission. The purpose of this Plan is to protect these sites from deliberate and inadvertent damage by unauthorized activities. The Plan prohibits the District from divulging the location of cultural resources sites out of respect for the cultural and scientific values preserved in them. The Plan prohibits anyone other than a qualified archaeologist who is also approved by the District from conducting investigations on the cultural resources in the Watershed.

The District asks for your cooperation in staying away from these areas and keeping the location of identified cultural resources sites on the Watershed confidential to prevent disturbance, looting, damage, and other unauthorized uses of these sites that compromise their cultural and scientific values. The District further asks that when you are visiting the Los Vaqueros Watershed that you stay on the marked trails and refrain from walking on other areas. As shown on the enclosed Trail and Facility Map, the Watershed Rules state that the public must stay on designated trails.

The District understands that the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) is considering development of a Cultural Resource Management Plan for their property adjacent to the Los Vaqueros Watershed. The District will coordinate with EBRPD on this effort as needed. If you have any questions please contact me at (925) 688-8100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Gartrell", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Greg Gartrell  
Assistant General Manager

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Attachment

cc: CCWD Board of Directors  
Robert Doyle, East Bay Regional Park District