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Subject: Possible misunderstanding of the legal authority
of the Stinson Beach County Water District (SBCWD)
re: Septic System Design Permit Approval

Dear Ms. Shallenberger and Mr. Kinsey:

I am writing you today to clear up a possible misunderstanding of the legal authority of the SBCWD when a Septic System Design Permit is approved.

The approval of a Septic System Design Permit does not confer any development rights upon the lot. The District acknowledges that the County determines if a home can be built or remodeled. The District's authority in these matters, as administered by District staff and Board and regulated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board is to control and enhance the quality of the ground and surface waters of the District, by regulation, permitting and inspecting the septic systems. These regulations are referred to as the "Onsite Wastewater Management Code of the Stinson Beach County Water District."

Effective last month, the District added the following disclaimer to Septic System Design Permits that it approves: "Septic System Design Approval does not determine the ability to develop a lot, nor does it determine the issuance of a building permit. Septic

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approval shall not be construed to reduce or impede or otherwise interfere with any additional requirements that may be imposed by any law, ordinance, rule or regulation of a legally constituted authority having jurisdiction over such matters.”

Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Ed Schmidt
General Manager

Encs.: Letter from the Stinson Beach Village Association dated May 17, 2011; Marin Independent Journal news article dated April 27, 2011

cc: California Coastal Commission
Ruby Pap, District Supervisor w/o encs.
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