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Carl P. Holm
Deputy Director
County of Monterey Resource Management Agency-Planning
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Re: Letter of disclosure regarding Marine Science Village Project, Moss Landing, CA.

Dear Carl,

In the interest of full disclosure associated with our team's participation on the Monterey County General Plan implementation program and the Moss Landing Community Plan (MLCP) Update EIR, EMC Planning Group intends to contract directly with San Jose State University Research Foundation (SJ SURF) to provide planning services related to the proposed Moss Landing Marine Laboratories (MLML) expansion project. This was previously intended as an amendment to the existing professional services agreement with the Monterey County RMA. However, in an effort to avoid further delay and delivery of the EIR to the County, and given the complicated approval process with the existing MLCP EIR sponsors and MLML grant funding, the County's direction is for EMC Planning Group to contract and receive grant funds for the MLML separately from the MLCP EIR.

EMC Planning Group is committed to providing professional services with the highest of ethical standards. We don't believe that performing work for MLML and the property owner, SJ SURF presents a conflict of interest for EMC Planning Group, but we do want the County to be aware of our intent to contract with their organization in light of our team's existing work with the County.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding EMC Planning Group's contract or scope of work with MLML and SJ SURF please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Senior Principal

Cc: Mike Novo, Planning Director
Martin Carver, Management Specialist
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