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RE: Response to Letter Requiring Updates for Remediation Action at Marinwood Plaza

On November 21, 2016, the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) sent a letter to the current owners of Marinwood Plaza voicing concerns with delays in the demolition and excavation process slated for the southern building of Marinwood Plaza, and requiring bi-weekly status updates through the completion of this process, with the first report due on December 6, 2016.

In April, 2016 the Regional Water Board conditionally accepted a "Remediation Action Plan" that called for the excavation of the source of contamination left behind by the former drycleaner, requiring the demolition of the building. A deadline of **February 1, 2017** was imposed for completion of the demolition and excavation/clean-up work by Plaza owners. Initial timelines and plans had scheduled the building demolition to take place in October in order to meet this deadline. **However, to date, we are unaware of any actual progress.**

I share the concerns expressed by the Regional Water Board for many of the same reasons cited in the Nov. 21 letter (attached). The Plaza owners have consistently missed deadlines and have only sporadically met obligations when under fire from the Regional Water Board and the public, which is a particular cause for concern.

I support the decision by the Regional Water Board to require bi-weekly status reports. Furthermore, it is critical that the Plaza owners, as the responsible party for cleanup, are held fully accountable for the deadlines that were assigned for this process. I expect the Regional Water Board to exercise their full authority in enforcing the February 1, 2017 deadline, including penalties to the full extent allowed by law if a deadline is again missed.

It is important to remember that the health and safety of the public is at stake.

I have stated many times over the last two years that this process has dragged on for far too long—it is unacceptable for it to be drawn out further now that we are finally closing in on a long-term solution that will address the source of contamination. I will continue to advocate on the behalf of the local neighborhoods towards this outcome on the agreed upon timeline.

Sincerely,

Damon Connolly