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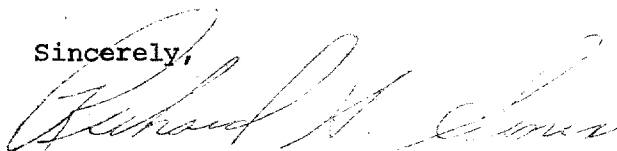
Mr. Jerry Brossia  
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Dear Mr. Brossia:

On behalf of the Water Resources Board, I'd like to thank you for the excellent presentation you gave us on placer mining activities and the demonstration pond project. We found it both interesting and informative. We would like to commend you for the approach you have used with placer miners in the field. Your combination of education and making yourself available as a counsellor has paid off in terms of building trust between miners and the Department of Environmental Conservation. While it's easy to go out in the field with "a big stick," it's somewhat harder to go out and work with people to develop a cooperative effort resulting in with the cleanest water possible downstream from an operation. We believe that, in the long run, your approach will have lasting benefits to the State.

If there is any way we may be of assistance to you in your efforts, please don't hesitate to let us know. Again, thank you for your fine briefing on mining activities.

Sincerely,



Richard H. Sims  
Chair