

# MONTEREY COUNTY

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Carl Holm, Acting RMA Director  
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Dear Mr. Holm:

RE: EMERGENCY REPAIR TO MOSS LANDING ROAD FLAP GATES

In response to your January 20, 2015 letter, this letter is to notify you that the Water Resources Agency will not be reimbursing the Resource Management Agency – Public Works (RMA-PW) for the completed repair of two flap gates located at the crossing of Moss Landing Road and the Moro Cojo Slough in Moss Landing, California, for the following reasons:

- The proximate cause of the problem was not the tide gates themselves (Water Resources Agency responsibility) but rather the conduits under the road (Public Works responsibility).
- The Water Resources Agency is available for all emergency responses, especially during winter flood seasons. Notwithstanding, Assistant General Manager Brent Buche was contacted by RMA staff and was advised that RMA had decided it would be responsible for all repairs at the Moss Landing Road location. RMA then proceeded.
- The work and resultant costs could have been minimized if RMA staff took the proper steps to communicate with the Water Resources Agency Assistant General Manager and collaborate on an optimal solution best for both agencies, as well as to assess responsibility for payment of any repairs.

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- The problem of water flowing into Moro Cojo Slough remains.

As we move forward with future emergencies involving the facilities of the Water Resources Agency, we would like to be informed immediately of the situation and work collaboratively with RMA staff to achieve resolutions that share fiscal responsibilities.

Respectfully,

*David P. Chardavoyne*

cc: Brent Buche, MCWRA  
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