

Jakub, Barbara, Env. Health

From: Pat Cullen [PCullen@waterboards.ca.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 8:43 AM
To: Bob (Robert) Foss
Cc: Jakub, Barbara, Env. Health; David Charter
Subject: Re: Inquiry about the elimination of GW Elevation and Flow Direction Maps in reports

Bob -

I'll back you if any body says something here at the Fund, I agree with this recommendation for cost savings. As you can see I copied the money guy here (Dave Charter), and the LOP (Barbara Jakub). If either have issues they can speak up now so you have clear direction from all involved. I'd just make a note in future reports that this is what was agreed upon so if someone not copied will understand.

Pat

>>> "Foss, Bob (Robert)" <bfoss@croworld.com> 3/30/2012 5:33 PM >>>

Pat:

I am inquiring about a modification to the components of future groundwater monitoring reports at one of my sites in Oakland. We had an assigned Fund budget for FY 2011-2012 of \$28,442. With additional requests from Alameda County Environmental Health Dept, we will very likely exceed the allocated budget. We have been monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations and flow directions twice each year. Looking for ways to reduce costs to stay within the budget, we noticed the wording in an ACEH letter to us of Feb 22, 2012. The letter states that groundwater needs to be gauged once a year. There are three loosely-defined water bearing zones that are contoured at this site so the cost of gauging 17 wells and creating three potentiometric maps adds up. I have spoken with Barbara Jakub of ACEH and she is okay with us producing potentiometric maps for only one of the two semi-annual events, i.e., in the report for the second half of each year but not in the report for the first half of each year, but warned us that the Fund may not view this as a complete report and perhaps not reimburse 100% of the cost of the monitoring/sampling event and report. We have groundwater data going back to June 2004 with elevations and flow direction essentially consistent for almost 8 years.

Before we implement this cost savings, we wanted confirmation that the Tank Fund would not consider reports to be incomplete if they did not contain groundwater elevation and flow direction figures, thereby jeopardizing full reimbursement. Can you please provide us with a response to this question or direct me to someone who can? Thank you in advance for your response to our question.

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