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**Subject: Ralston Afterbay Dam – No. 1030-004 – Placer County Water Agency
Potential Failure Mode Analysis (PFMA)**

Dear Dave:

I want to thank you and Fred Sage very much for sending Andy Mangney to participate in the PFMA conducted for Ralston Afterbay Dam two weeks ago. Having his input was a real benefit to the process and greatly improved our understanding of the structures and their history.

I also want to thank you for making it possible for the Agency to obtain copies of the Divisions records on the project.

I have participated as Independent Consultant or Facilitator on some 21 PFMA's in the western US so far. All those involved believe that this process provides a significant improvement in our understanding of the structures, identification of potential problems and development of monitoring programs.

I sincerely hope that the Division will continue to participate in this process and encourage you to continue your support.

Sincerely,



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