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Re: Zanja Madre, Metro's Midway Yard

Dear Mr. Garcia:

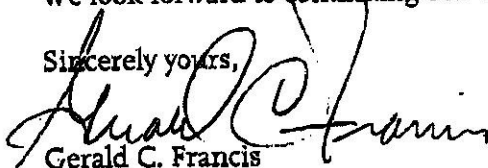
Thank you for facilitating the meeting last Thursday, April 21, 2005 with all parties interested in preserving the Zanja Madre. As we discussed, Metro is committed to the preservation of the portions of the Zanja Madre recently encountered during construction of our rail storage yard adjacent to the Cornfields Project in Los Angeles. We have altered the original plan for the rail car storage so that the area surrounding the Zanja will be free of tracks. This will allow accessibility and viewing of this important historical site.

To ensure that the Zanja Madre is not adversely impacted by Metro's continuing construction work at Midway Yard, we have retained the services of Cogstone Resources, an archeological firm based in Santa Ana, to oversee the activities at the site. Cogstone has already prepared a wonderful slide presentation of the Zanja Madre from an historical and cultural perspective. A Cogstone archeologist will be present at the site throughout the construction period to safeguard the portions of the Zanja Madre encountered.

Cogstone is finalizing its research report and findings on this exciting discovery. Once available, this report will serve as the basis for a forum of key stakeholders to meet and agree on the most appropriate way to preserve and celebrate this significant historical site.

We look forward to continuing our work with your office as the host for this activity.

Sincerely yours,



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