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April 21, 2017

VIA E-MAIL bseidel@co.fresno.ca.us & U.S. MAIL

Bernice E. Seidel
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
Hall of Records
2281 Tulare Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Re:

Additional Materials Regarding

Land Use Appeal: DRA No. 4465 (4/25/17)

Dear Ms. Seidel:

On behalf of my clients, Charlie and Tamara Maxwell, I am submitting additional information to the Board of Supervisors in connection with the April 25, 2017, consideration of the Maxwells' appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of DRA No. 4465 (the "Project").

First, my clients have received several letters of support for the Project, which are enclosed as **Attachment "A."**

Second, shortly after the Planning Commission's hearing on the Project, I understand David and Lynn Kyle filed a February 21, 2017, complaint against the Maxwells associated with alleged runoff from the existing horse arena that occurred during the extraordinary rain events that occurred in the vicinity of the Project earlier this year. As shown in **Attachment "B"** [April 12, 2017, letter from the County to the Kyles], the Maxwells "responded promptly" to the issue, ¹ and any issues associated with runoff have been resolved to

Other materials showing the Maxwells' immediate attention to this matter are enclosed as **Attachment "C."**

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the satisfaction of County staff.² Moreover, the runoff at issue was not alleged to have occurred on the Kyles' property – which is situated *across Millerton Road* from the Project – but rather property owned by Michael Blasingame. As shown in **Attachment "E,"** Mr. Blasingame (i) is not concerned about the runoff, (ii) recognizes that the issue was "small in nature and will have no lasting impact on [his] property," and (iii) that any future issues concerning the alleged runoff will be "handled between [Blasingame and the Maxwells] as neighbors."

Thank you for your consideration of the enclosed documents. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

John P. Kinsey

Enclosures

The April 12, 2017, letter references an As-Built grading plan, which is enclosed as **Attachment "D."**

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Enclosures

Attachment A: Letters of Support for the Project

Attachment B: April 12, 2017, letter from Dana Ritschel, Engineer II, County of Fesno

Attachment C: Other Materials Showing Timely Response to Runoff Concerns

Attachment D: As-Built Grading Plan

Attachment E: Correspondence from Michael Blasingame

ATTACHMENT "A"

04/01/17

FORREST BECKHAM 9590 MILLERTON ROAD CLOVIS

ATTN: DEREK CHAMBERS

RE: RUSTY SPUR ARENA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

I HAVE NO ISSUES WITH THE ARENA, NO ISSUES OF DUST, NOISE OR TRAFFIC. I PERSONALLY DROVE A FORTY-FIVE FOOT LONG THREE AXLE SCHOOL BUS ON MILLERTON ROAD FOR TEN YEARS WITH NO ISSUES. PEOPLE PULL HORSE TRAILERS AND CATTLE TRUCKS ALL OVER EASTERN FRESNO COUNTY ON ROADS SIMILAR TO MILLERTON ROAD. THIS IS AGRICULTURAL LAND AND PART OF AGRICULTURAL LAND IS HORSES AND CATTLE. THE ARENA IS A GREAT THING FOR THE COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU

FORREST BECKHAM

04/01/17

LORI BECKHAM 9590 MILLERTON ROAD CLOVIS

ATTN: DEREK CHAMBERS

RE: RUSTY SPUR ARENA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

I VOLUNTEER AT THE SNACK BAR, (ADJACENT TO THE HANDICAPPED BATHROOM) WHERE I VISIT WITH ALMOST ALL OF THE PEOPLE COMING TO THE ARENA. I HAVE NEVER HEARD ANYONE TALKING ABOUT TRAFFIC ISSUES OR TRAFFIC NOISE, OR HAVING A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT. I HELPED AT THE YEAR END AWARDS WHERE EVERY CHILD RECEIVED A PRIZE WITH PARENTS AND GRAND PARENTS WATCHING, THE AWARDS WERE PRICELESS!!

THANK YOU

LOBUBECKHAM

GLENN SCHMIDT 22225 CABALLERO ROAD CLOVIS

ATTN: DEREK CHAMBERS

RE: RUSTY SPUR ARENA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

I VOLUNTEER AT THE ARENA TO DO ANYTHING THATS NEEDED, FROM RUNNING A GATE TO HELPING CHILDREN WITH THEIR HORSES. I HAVE LISTENED TO PREVIOUS COUNTY HEARINGS REGARDING THIS ARENA AND FOUND THE ISSUES OF NOISE, DUST, AND TRAFFIC TOTALLY UNFOUNDED. THE ARENA IS WATERED AUTOMATICALLY BEFORE, DURING AND EVEN AFTER EVENTS. I HAVE HEARD PEOPLE AT PUBLIC HEARINGS COMPLAIN ABOUT THE BRIDGE LEADING TO THE ARENA, WHICH I WOULD TAKE TOMORROW AS MY BRIDGE "WASHED" OUT THIS WINTER DUE TO THE HEAVY WINTER. TRAFFIC AND THE EASE OF PARKING IS BETTER THAN MOST COMMERCIAL ARENAS. WHEN I WAS YOUNGER I WAS A PROFESSIONAL RODEO EVENT RIDER FOR TEN YEARS. THIS IS THE BEST BACK YARD ARENA I HAVE EVER BEEN TO, COME WATCH THE KIDS AND PARENTS JUST HAVING FUN TOGETHER.

THANK, YOU

GLENN SCHMIDT

TOM AND TINA HERD 10310 MILLERTON ROAD CLOVIS

ATTN: DEREK CHAMBERS

RE: RUSTY SPUR ARENA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MY DAD IS NINTY YEARS OLD AND TOTALLY HANDICAPPED. THE ARENA HAS HANDICAPPED PARKING AND A COMPLETE HANDICAPPED RESTROOM FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN. I TAKE MY DAD TO EVERY EVENT THAT I CAN BECAUSE HE LOVES IT!

THANK YOU

TOM & TINA HERD

04/07/17

DON FERGUNSON 10550 MILLERTON ROAD CLOVIS

ATTN: DEREK CHAMBERS

RE: RUSTY SPUR ARENA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MY WIFE WAS ON THE FRESNO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THIS PROJECT, WHEN IT CAME IN FRONT OF THE COMMISSION IN 2011. I LIVE DIRECTLY NORTH OF THE ARENA AND I HAVE THE SAME VIEW AS THE KYLE FAMILY AT THE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME HEIGHT AND DISTANCE. I HAVE;

NO PROBLEMS NO COMPLAINTS NO NOISE NO DUST NO TRAFFIC.

I AM PERFECTLY FINE WITH THE ARENA.

THANK YOU

DON FERGUMSON

04/05/17

DONNIE GOODWIN
MILLERTON ROAD CLOVIS

ATTN: DEREK CHAMBERS

RE: RUSTY SPUR ARENA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

I VOLUNTEER TO HELP PARK VEHICLES AT THE ARENA. I SPEAK TO EVERYONE COMING TO THE ARENA. PEOPLE COME TO THE ARENA IN VARIOUS SIZE VEHICLES TOWING TWO, THREE, AND FOUR HORSE TRAILERS. WE HAVE NEVER HAD AN ISSUE OF VEHICLES STACKING UP OR CREATING ANY TYPE OF TRAFFIC PROBLEM. I HAVE NEVER HEARD ANYONE MAKING ANY COMPLAINT OF ANY TRAFFIC PROBLEM. WHAT I DO HEAR IS THE PEOPLE THANKING US FOR THE EASE OF PARKING AND UNLOADING OF ANIMALS. THE PARKING IS DESIGNED WHERE NO VEHICLE HAS TO BACK UP TO PARK AND ENJOY THE ARENA OR LEAVE THE ARENA.

THANK YOU

DONNIE GOODWIN

PHIL DE ANDA BUGGY WHIP LANE CLOVIS, CA

RE: RUSTY SPUR ARENA 10925 RYSTY SPUR LANE CLOVIS, CA

CHARLE MAXWELL OWNER OF RUSTY SPUR ARENA IN CLOVIS ASKED ME TO WRITE A LETTER IN REFERENCE TO ONE OF HIS NEIGHBORS TO THE NORTH OF THE ARENA.

I (PHIL DE ANDA) WAS PRESENT AT A PARTY, AT DAVID KYLE'S HOUSE APPROXIMATELY 1997 OR 1998. I WAS AT THE PARTY DUE TO OUR CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL TOGETHER. WHILE AT THE PARTY I WAS OUTSIDE ON THE SOUTH FACING DECK, WHICH OVER LOOKS THE MAXWELL'S ARENA AND PROPERTY.

DAVID KYLE MENTIONED TO MYSELF AND OTHERS THAT HE WAS NOT PLEASED WITH HAVING TO LOOK AT THE ARENA. IN LISTENING TO DAVID KYLE HE WAS FULLY AWARE THAT IT WAS A HORSE ARENA, BUT HAD NOT CONTACTED THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY.

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THANK YOU

PHIL DE ANDA

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THANK YOU

PHIL DE ANDA

ATTACHMENT "B"



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING STEVEN WHITE, DIRECTOR

David Kyle Lynn Kyle 10471 Ferguson Rd Clovis, CA 93619

April 12, 2017

Re: Violation Complaint dated 2/21/2017

Dear David and Lynn,

Fresno County Development Services takes every complaint seriously and we strive to resolve each one as expeditiously as possible. The written complaint was received on March 13, 2017. A letter went out to Mr. Maxwell on March 14, 2017 asking him to contact our office. Mr. Maxwell responded promptly and informed me that he was already working with our grading inspector to final the grading permit. The final grading inspection was conducted on March 27, 2017. The As-Built grading plan was submitted and the grading permit was closed on April 3, 2017. Additional measures were put in place by Mr. Maxwell to help control and minimize any runoff in the future.

Any questions regarding the permit, Mr. Maxwell or the future of the horse arena should be directed to senior engineer Augustine Ramirez at 600-4022 or by email at auramirez@co.fresno.ca.us.

Respectfully,

Dana Ritschel, Engineer II

ATTACHMENT "C"



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING STEVEN WHITE, DIRECTOR

March 14, 2017

Charles & Tamara Maxwell 10925 Rusty Spur Ln Clovis, CA 93619

Subject:

Drainage Complaints

File No:

17-003

Address:

10925 Rusty Spur

APN:

138-061-49

Dear Charles & Tamara:

The County has received a complaint that recent grading done in connection with grading permits 10379 and 10732 may have resulted in the uncontrolled discharge of storm water carrying large amounts of sediment, crossing property lines and discharging into a nearby stream. According to our records you have not requested a rough grade inspection for either of the permits. We are requesting that you call this office within the next 14 days to schedule a grading inspection. Please insure that you are in compliance with the conditions of approval for DRA 4112 and SPR 7814.

Your cooperation in resolving this matter would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dana Ritschel, Grading Engineer II Development Services Division Development Engineering Section

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	"Stonehouse	e William" <wstonehouse@co.fresno.ca.us></wstonehouse@co.fresno.ca.us>	
	"Charlie Maxwell (charliemaxwell@ymail.com)" <charliemaxwell@ymail.com></charliemaxwell@ymail.com>		
Cc:	"Ramirez	Augustine" <auramirez@co.fresno.ca.us></auramirez@co.fresno.ca.us>	

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 3:00 PM

Charlie;

This e-mail is sent in reference to my grading inspection I completed on March 6, 2017, in response to a grading complaint the County received on February 21, 2017.

Upon review of your Grading Plan that was approved and implemented 2012 I have made recommendation for you to revise your plan to include additional drainage and sedimentation actions that you have willfully complied with.

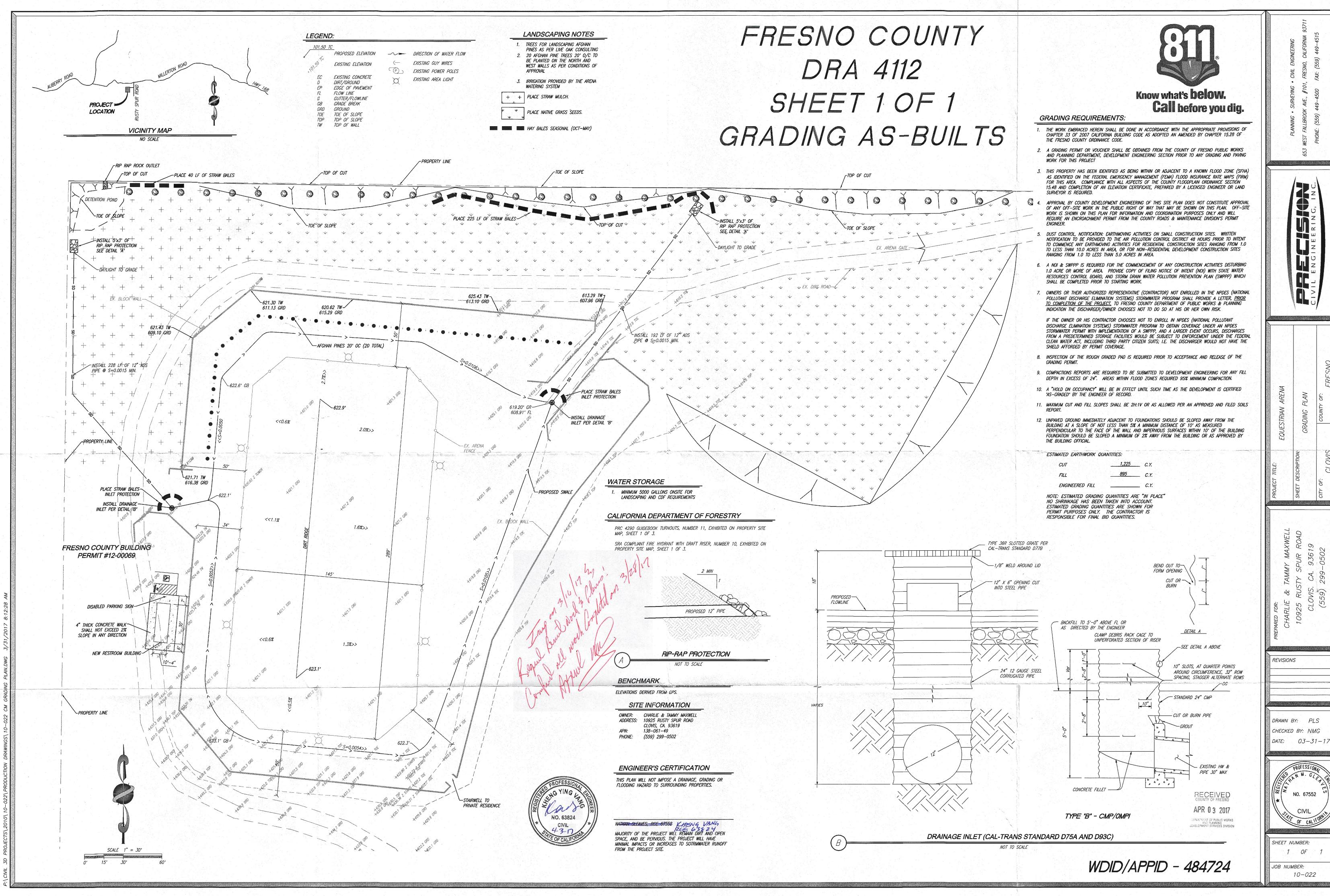
I completed my second inspection on March 27, 2017 and all work was completed as referenced to your revised grading plans, to maximize your effort and minimize sedimentation erosion.

I appreciate your timely effort implementing this work due to the unusual rainy season we have experienced.

If you have any questions regarding this matted please do not hesitate to contact me.

Bill Stonehouse / County of Fresno Engineering Inspector

ATTACHMENT "D"



DRAWN BY: PLS CHECKED BY: NMG

SHEET NUMBER: 1 OF 1

ATTACHMENT "E"

TO: FRESNO COUNTY GRADING ENG. BILL STONEHOUSE

FROM: MICHAEL BLASINGAME 16610 AUBERRY ROAD

CLOVIS, CA

RE: RUSTY SPUR ARENA

CHARLES MAXWELL OWNER OF THE RUSTY SPUR ARENA MADE ME AWARE OF SOME DIRT RUN-OFF FROM THE ARENA GRADING PROJECT ON RUSTY SPUR LANE, CLOVIS.

I MADE A PERSONAL INSPECTION OF THE RUN-OFF AREAS LOCATED DIRECTLY NORTH OF THE ARENA. I FOUND THREE LOCATIONS, WHERE DUE TO THE HEAVY WINTER RAINS (EXCESS OF THIRTY INCHES) LOOSE TOP SOIL HAD BEEN CARRIED OFF HIS PROPERTY. THESE RUN-OFF AREAS WERE SMALL IN NATURE AND WILL HAVE NO LASTING IMPACT ON MY PROPERTY.

PERSONALLY OWNING SEVERAL THOUSAND ACRES IN THE FOOTHILLS OF NORTHERN FRESNO COUNTY THIS TYPE OF RUNOFF IS NORMAL AFTER A WINTER RAIN FALL OF THIS MAGNITUDE, ESPECIALLY AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF DROUGHT CONDITIONS.

HAVING KNOW CHARLES MAXWELL FOR ALL OF MY ADULT LIFE ANY RESIDUAL ISSUES WILL BE HANDLED BETWEEN THE TWO OF US AS NEIGHBORS.

THANK YOU

MICHAEL BLASINGAME