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September 30, 1995

Applied Ecosystem Services, Inc.
Dr. Richard B. Shepard, President
2404 SW 22nd Street
Troutdale, OR 97060-1247

Dear Dr. Shepard:

Your firm was retained by the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments to review and give us an evaluation of a report that was done on the Willamette River for the Oregon Department of State Lands. This report specifically addressed the reclamation of the Willamette River by dredging the river.

Your task was to evaluate the accuracy of the report and focus on the potential environmental impacts that were not outlined in the report.

This evaluation of the report benefitted us by giving us a better understanding of the state report and specific environmental concerns we should take into consideration. It also suggested methods to address those concerns so we could move forward with our consideration of support for reclamation of the river by dredging.

Your evaluation gave us an interpretation of the very technical and hard to understand information from the state report. Your report was in layman's terms. This clarified the report and helps the various policy-makers make more informed decisions. This information gave them a better understanding of the potential impacts of dredging.

Your meeting with a group of Oregon State Senators and local mayors to discuss the environmental concerns that would need to be addressed in the proposed dredging project on the Willamette River helps them evaluate recommendations coming from the Council of Governments. This information was articulated in such a manner that this group was able to understand the impacts and helped them in their local and state evaluation of our eventual recommendations on this project.

We were very pleased with the work you and your company did for us and would highly recommend you to other organizations needing this type of specialized information.

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I serve as a member of the task force for the Willamette River
Reclamation project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Propes".

Mike Propes
Polk County Commissioner