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Laguna Foundation Letter Book

Feb. 28, 1991

Department of the Army
Sacramento District Corps of Engineers
650 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, Ca. 95814-9934

~~Attn: Water Use~~ Environmental Resource Branch

Dear Sirs:

We refer to your letter of February 6, 1991
Concerning Mitigation plans in the Laguna de Santa
Rosas, in Sonoma County.

As you are doubtless aware, the preservation
and restoration of the Laguna has attracted a
high level of public interest in Sonoma County
over the last five years. Much of this interest
Stems from the fact that it is the second largest
fresh-water marsh in Northern California, second
only to the Clear Lake marshes in size.

During this period, three separate studies of
the Laguna have been carried out by Citizens groups
and several interested public agencies at ^{various} ~~several~~
levels. Efforts to establish a National Wildlife Refuge
in the 700 acre Laguna Flood Basin are continuing.

Almost all of the studies to date have indicated
a need for public acquisition of most all of
the lands in the 700 acre Flood Basin in order
to protect and enhance its value as a unique
Wildlife habitat and biological field laboratory.
For local High Schools and colleges.

The Laguna Foundation strongly urges that
the Laguna be given the highest priority for
available mitigation funds.

Very truly yours

Ann Maguire, President