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Hi Gerry,

No problem.

Gabrielle

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Gabrielle,

Please incorporate these comments. Connie was on the phone for part of the meeting.

Gerry

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Farallons--comments and color  
commentary

Hi Gerry,

In case I miss speaking with you this week, here are some comments for you....

1] It looks like the Anacapa EIS did a good job of covering all the bases including land/soil, intertidal and water sampling; so that model would be good to use.

> we'd like to see post-treatment intertidal water quality sampling at 3 different locations.  
.....i can work with you on the specifics, the Anacapa did not give me any great detail on the methods and meta-data other than the samples were sent to DFG lab. I'd like to run the QA/QC by our guy here.

> we'd like to see pre and post-treatment if the project moves forward with Brodifacoum[6-month half-life] mussel sampling at our mussel sampling site [Emily Siegal manages that project]  
.....Emily can work with you on that.

2] non-chemical alternatives; ok call me crazy, but I came across an old fashioned method for mouse eradication--its called death by constipation...and now of course i misplaced that article, but you mix up corn meal with plaster of paris and make these little dough balls that they eat and then die within just one day....now mind you i am just passing this on..but am wondering why the enviros did not consider this as a safe alternative...but a lot of people are out of work and just think of the possibilities....everyone mixing up these little dough balls....the other recipe I came across was 1/2 cup of instant potatoes 3 tablespoons of plaster of paris and 1 cup of water..

3] Principle article, by Howald, et al Eradication of black rats from Anacapa...this is one of the best articles ive read on the topic. Maybe others who were on the phone would be interested in it

4] I'm taking vacation next week, but when I return, let me know if there's anything I can help with....Also, if you are working with anyone from the Regional Board?

You've certainly got your work cut out for this very controversial and challenging project!!!!

Connie.

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