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Dear Gene:

I talked with Bill Ledbetter a week or so ago about the Upper Truckee River. Bill is the grandson of William Barton and heir to all of the Upper Truckee between the lower end of the new airport and the lowest highway 50 crossing.

The Barton Ranch still grazes cattle on this land, but probably will not do this for more than two or three years. Bill has plans for subdivision development that call for placing the Upper Truckee back in the old channel along the east side of the valley. Of course he wants to keep it there, so his plans include a levee-flood plain arrangement. The stream would not be confined in an artificial straight channel, but would meander as it does now. I suspect that Ledbetter's plans will fit in well with our needs except that we shall be unable to do anything on the river below the airport property for two or three years. There is, however, plenty of work to be done above there.

I have not heard from Larry Hall or the county. I am puzzled about the counties not replying to any of the letters we have sent them on this subject — seems an odd way to act.

No meeting date has been set and if I do not hear this week, I will inquire into it and let you know.

Sincerely yours

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