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Mr. Shawn Peterson
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Dear Mr. Peterson:

This letter is to express the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District's appreciation to SMP Services, Inc., and subcontractor Props Trees on the Go, for the high quality and timeliness of environmental services provided as part of the Goethe East Mitigation Project. Your contract scope included over 294 elderberry shrubs to be transplanted from the Folsom Dam Bridge and Mayhew Drain locations. It is especially noteworthy to mention that you performed these services within an extremely short timeframe with inclement weather. The US Army Corps of Engineers places a high value on our environmental stewardship and your extra effort is important to us.

As you are aware, we have an ambitious task of constructing a new Folsom Bridge through existing elderberry plants, as well as raising the Mayhew levees while minimizing impacts to the environment. In order to meet this schedule, it was imperative to transplant the elderberry shrubs within the environmental window which closed on February 15, 2007 and prior to initiating construction work.

You successfully transplanted the elderberries by the February 15, 2007 deadline, even though you did not receive the notice to proceed until February 1, 2007. Your resourcefulness to support the environment and meet important schedules is greatly appreciated. Your effort in executing the project scope was extraordinary and reflects well on the quality of your company, your subcontractor, and your leadership. Thank you for your sacrifice and determination while undertaking this work.

Sincerely,

*Very Well Done!
Thank you!*

Ronald N. Light
Colonel, U.S. Army
District Engineer