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Jean Mendoza, Executive Director
Friends of the Toppenish Creek
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Dear Jean,

The Commission has received your letter dated March 5, 2017. Your letter requested the names of members from the Lower Yakima Valley Groundwater Management Area (GWMA) CAFO/Livestock work group who were consulted during our investigation. The following members were interviewed: Steven George – Farm Bureau, David Bowen – Ecology & Chair of GWMA CAFO/Livestock Work Group, Gary Bahr – WSDA, and Elizabeth Sanchez – Yakima Tribe.

We are aware of the complaint raised several years ago by the FOTC regarding South Yakima. As noted in my February 21, 2017 letter, we have shared your complaint and your willingness to meet with the Board of Supervisors of the South Yakima Conservation District. They will contact you for any further action they may deem appropriate.

For questions regarding NRCS standards and specifications, I suggest a contact with the NRCS State Office staff specializing in the practices you or the GWMA committee have questions about.

Sincerely,

Mark Clark
Executive Director