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Sarah and Gus:

Sarah, I appreciate you arranging some meaningful time with the Governor. We are working on the information-gathering pieces from that meeting and will work with VHCB on strategies to address the Governor's bona fide concerns about farm project expenses.

Meanwhile, as we develop new approaches to project expenses I believe we agreed in the interim that we would proceed to close farm easement purchases approved by VHCB using FY 2012 funds provided that VHCB will not disburse stewardship endowment awards or cover anything beyond out-of-pocket expenses. This is of course subject to VHCB and VLT fulfilling their commitment to the Governor that they will propose new protocols for expenses on a timely basis by October.

There was a lot going on at the end of the meeting, so do let me know if my summary is accurate. If so, I suggest that we resume submitting Governor's Acceptance packages through the Agency of Agriculture. Just to reiterate our conversation, the first paragraph of our standard cover memo to the Governor going forward will reiterate the fact that, despite a VHCB-approved budget that includes other expenses, VHCB will not disburse stewardship endowment awards or funds to cover anything beyond out-of-pocket expenses until we have completed our conversation with the Governor about project expenses. Does this work?

Finally, I understood the Governor would be signing the remaining three Governor's acceptances – have those been executed?

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