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Subject: Re: Dredging CONFIDENTIAL

I agree with the staff work you're doing.

I suggest you not bring forward anything publicly until the City Council approves the utility budget in May, which approves the city funding for the water supply project.

I may have more insight over the next couple days as all the Council have been approached/or meet with the group asking for sediment removal. Their approach seems tied to not doing Ragged Mountain.

We should keep the issues separate

At this point I have 3 Councilors for sure saying they support the permit, period with no qualification (re verified yesterday and today). Two want to listen, but seem supportive of the direction Rivanna going.

I will let you know if I hear something different.

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"Problems become opportunities when the right people join together...be the bridge"

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Subject: Dredging

I have been aware for some time that we would likely be asked to resurrect the issue of dredging South Fork at some point for further discussion, and over that period it was my judgment that the best timing for that discussion would be after the water supply permits were issued. At this point in time we have the state permit but not quite the federal permit, but I'm getting significantly increased "noise" to bring this issue back now, both on the City and County side, with some of that related to the City group opposing Ragged Mountain and some related to structural fill the Airport needs for a runway extension.

I wanted to share with you that I have done a couple of things within the last week. First, I've contacted Barbara Hutchinson at the Airport and opened our dialogue as well as put the right technical folks on both sides together. At this point the Airport is not asking for our funds, just cooperation (and they will get it). Second, I've negotiated a small contract amendment (within the contingency you've authorized) for Gannett Fleming to prepare a presentation that largely refreshes what has already been studied, but bring it into current context as a sediment problem. That presentation will not be ready in time for Board packets next week, but we believe it could be walked in on February 25 if necessary.

I am still wrestling with the issue of when is the right time to bring that presentation to a Board meeting, to be responsive to the political need. Do any of you feel that this presentation must come to the February meeting, or would it be just as effective to wait until March or April? Thanks for any thoughts you have.