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**RE: Abbott****From:** Tim Vollmann (tim\_vollmann@hotmail.com)**Sent:** Tue 5/08/07 12:36 PM**To:** Ford, Richard (riford@umich.edu)

Dick-- Thanks for your message. I expect that Gov. Salazar will be meeting with Santa Clara in the near future. I just briefed him last week.

I agree that it's time for a Team Meeting. I'll talk to Kurt and Lee about setting one up. The reports of settlement you have heard are exaggerated. We have gotten some very vague feelers. Not at all clear that any part of our aboriginal claims might be settled.

Tim

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**Subject:** Abbott  
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Tim,

Can you apprise me about the status of the water rights case? Rumors are swirling that there may be a settlement to get Ohkay out of the Santa Cruz part of the case. If so, what does that do to our reports and further research?

Last Saturday I took my NNMC class on a field trip. Three of the students are from Santa Clara. While examining petroglyph crosses, they informed me that they are Penitentes in the Santa Cruz morada. This surprised me (and Tessie Naranjo) because I didn't think the Pueblo had much to do with Santa Cruz. To the contrary! They said many Santa Clara men are Penitentes and have been for well over a century including some of the major religious leaders and governors. They also know many in the acequia association. To me this suggests that Santa Clara has had an interesting way to stay on top of their claim to the Santa Cruz area.

I am ready to start writing me report. I will follow closely the outline you previously approved. My question is: what format should we follow? In previous water and land cases that I participated in the attorneys gave us a format for footnoting and for copying our sources. Do you have instructions for us in this case?

I hope sometime soon the legal team can meet to get updated about the status of the case, where are problems are, whose responsibility is it to resolve them, etc.

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