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Appraisal Subcommittee

Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council

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Anthony F. Majewski, Acting Director
Office of Real Estate Appraisers
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Sacramento, CA 95833-3637

Dear Mr. Majewski:

Thank you for your cooperation and your staff's assistance in the February 11-13, 2003 Appraisal Subcommittee ("ASC") review of the California Office of Real Estate Appraisers ("OREA") and appraiser regulatory program ("Program"). Based on our review, we believe that your Program functions effectively and in a manner consistent with Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, as amended ("Title XI"). We only have one recommendation.

Temporary practice application processing often is delayed while OREA waits for letters of good standing. OREA's regulations require receipt of such letters. To reduce these delays, we suggest that you amend the regulation to eliminate the need for letters of good standing and to require the use of the ASC Web site's National Registry License History Report. Alternatively, you might wish to change your procedures to allow the issuance of temporary practice permits based on the information in our License History Reports, pending receipt of letters of good standing.

Please respond to our findings and recommendations within 60 days from the date of this letter. Until the expiration of that period or the receipt of your response, we consider this field review to be an open matter. After receiving your response or the expiration of the 60-day response period, whichever is earlier, this letter, your response and any other correspondence between you and the ASC regarding this field review become releasable to the public under the Freedom of Information Act and will be made available on our Web site.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Fritts
Chairman