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March 26, 2010

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Dear Mr. Hendricks:

Subject: Water Supply to Hidden Creek Estates Tract 68724
Case Number ENV 2005 6657 EIR

This is a follow-up to our letter dated July 2, 2008, commenting on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Hidden Creek Estates Project (Project).

The Project is located outside of the current City of Los Angeles (City) boundary; therefore, its water needs have not been addressed in Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) water supply planning. We have met with the Project developer and their representatives and determined that the annual water use for the Project is approximately 380 acre-feet per year. To ensure adequate water supply for the Project, the developer has agreed to enter into a Water Supply Agreement (Agreement) with LADWP. The Agreement will include measures to minimize the amount of water used in the Project and provide for new water supplies to offset water demands. The Agreement shall include the following:

Water Use Efficiency

- The Project will adhere to all plumbing codes and ordinances regarding water efficiency.
- The Project will include all water conservation devices and measures as included in Attachment A.
- The developer shall incorporate in the subdivision recordation a covenant that runs with the land which incorporates elements of drought tolerant and native landscaping.

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Water Supply Agreement

The developer will provide new water supplies to meet the Project's projected water demands. Feasible methods may include alternatives such as:

- Purchase or lease water supply acceptable to LADWP from an existing available source and convey to LADWP's water distribution system.
- Retrofit plumbing fixtures in existing public buildings to provide verifiable annual conservation savings.
- Retrofit existing public landscaping or parks to provide permanent conservation savings.
- Continuation of existing supply from on-site wells for non-potable uses with an approved License Agreement from LADWP.

LADWP will seek replacement water supplies for a period of at least 30 years. LADWP will also require completion of the Agreement as a condition of LADWP's release of the tract map for recordation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 367-0873 or Ms. Julie Spacht at (213) 367-0896.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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