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RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

July 5, 2007

EMAILED THIS DATE TO: clinherrera@ci.corona.ca.us

Mr. Khalid Bazmi
City of Corona
400 South Vicentia Avenue
Corona, CA 92882

Dear Mr. Bazmi:

Re: Notice of Preparation of a Draft
Environmental Impact Report for the
Foothill Parkway Westerly Extension

This letter is written in response to the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Foothill Parkway Westerly Extension. The proposed project would involve the extension of Foothill Parkway as a four-lane roadway, from approximately 500 feet west of Skyline Drive to Green River Road in the city of Corona and unincorporated Riverside County.

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District has the following comments/concerns that should be addressed in the DEIR:

1. Page 14 of the Initial Study states that modifications to the Mabey Canyon Debris Basin will require approval from the District. Please be advised that modifications to the Kroonen Canyon Channel will also require approval from the District.
2. Page 30 of the Initial Study states "The project site is located within the MSHCP Temescal Canyon Area Plan, but is not within a designated MSHCP Criteria Area." Please be advised that the District's Mabey Canyon Debris Basin and Kroonen Canyon Channel are currently designated as Public/Quasi Public (PQP) Lands in the MSHCP. Section 3.2.1 of the MSHCP, Volume I states "In the event that a Permittee elects to use property currently depicted as PQP Lands on the MSHCP Plan map (Figure 3-1) in a way that alters the land use such that it would not contribute to Reserve Assembly the Permittee shall locate and acquire or otherwise encumber replacement acreage at a minimum ratio of 1:1 replacement taking into account direct and indirect effects of PQP Lands in one location with PQP Lands in another location. The Permittee must make findings that the replacement acreage is biologically equivalent or superior to the existing property as set forth in Section 6.5 of the MSHCP, Volume I." The DEIR should address the impacts to PQP Lands.

Mr. Khalid Bazmi

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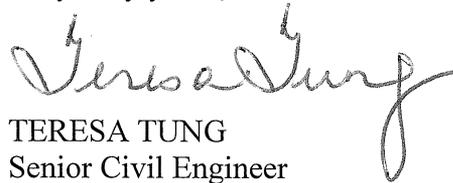
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3. The Initial Study indicates that the proposed project may require a Section 404 Authorization, a Section 401 Water Quality Certification and a Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement. Please be advised that all regulatory permits required for the proposed activity within District rights-of-way should be coordinated with the District. In addition, all regulatory permits must address both construction and subsequent long term maintenance activity.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Notice of Preparation. Please forward any subsequent environmental documents regarding the project to my attention at this office. Any further questions concerning this letter may be referred to Jason Swenson at 951.955.8082 or me at 951.955.1233.

Very truly yours,



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