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By Fax & U.S. Mail

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**Re: Draft EIR, 2007 Monterey County General Plan
(SCH# 2007121001)**

Dear Mr. Novo:

On behalf of our client, LandWatch Monterey County, I write to reiterate LandWatch's request that the County of Monterey provide it with access to the documents listed in Section 11 of the Draft EIR for the 2007 Monterey County General Plan, "Documents, Plans, and Reports Cited." All of these documents are referenced in the Draft EIR. Accordingly, this request is made pursuant to the County's obligation under CEQA to make all supporting studies and materials referenced in the EIR available to the public. Public Resources Code, § 21092(b)(1). The request is also made pursuant to the Public Records Act. Gov. Code, § 6250.

Please be aware that LandWatch has been diligently trying to obtain copies of these documents for the past week. On September 11, 2008, LandWatch Associate Director Amy White e-mailed Carl Holm of the Planning Department to request access to these documents, and to advise him that she intended to review them on Friday, September 12, 2008. When Ms. White appeared at the County offices the next day, the Planning Department did not produce them. When Ms. White returned on Monday, September 15, 2008, Planning Staff presented here with 4 binders that contained none of the requested documents.

Ms. White then wrote the Planning Department on September 16, 2008 to request access to the documents. When she returned to County offices on Thursday, September 18, 2008, she was presented with only 21 of the over 200 documents referenced in Section 11. Mr. Holm advised her that many of the documents might be available on-line, but acknowledged that no information was included in the EIR to assist the public in obtaining access to these documents.

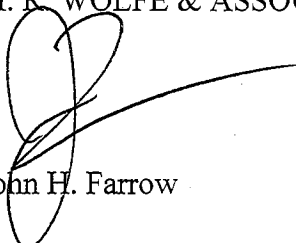
LandWatch's inability to review the referenced documents, many of which are voluminous technical reports that are critical to the EIR's conclusions, makes it impossible to participate meaningfully in the public comment process. In view of the County's delay in providing access to these documents, LandWatch requests that the County extend the public comment deadline by the number of days that elapse between Ms. White's September 11, 2008 request for access to copies of the documents, and the date on which copies of all documents referenced in Section 11 are made available for public review at a prescribed location.

In addition to the documents referenced in Section 11, LandWatch also requests access to the traffic studies and source documents referenced in Section 4.6. We note that the draft EIR does not reference an Appendix containing the traffic study. However, the tables in the traffic section reference sources including Kimberly-Horn & Associates, Inc. and DKS Associates. We ask that the County make available each traffic study or source document referenced in Section 4.6, including the sources referenced in Tables 4.6.1, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29.

Please contact me to advise me when LandWatch may have access to copies of these documents.

Yours sincerely,

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