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RE: Rancho Cañada Village – DEIR Comments

Dear Ms. Onciano:

After reviewing the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Rancho Cañada Village, dated January 2008, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) recommends the following changes (as shown in *bold italics* and ~~strikethrough~~):

DRAINAGE (page 2-10)

The Agency recommends the following changes to the second paragraph: A portion of the northern Carmel River floodplain will be excavated to provide fill material for a building pad: all structures will be placed on this building pad above the Base Flood Elevation. A Conditional Letter of Map Revision (*CLOMR*) has been approved by the ~~Army Corps of Engineers~~ *Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on 9/28/2006*, effectively ~~moving stating that the proposed development will be located outside the 100-year floodplain and floodway boundaries so that none of the development will be located within the floodway or floodplain.~~ *stating that the proposed development will be located outside the 100-year floodplain and floodway boundaries so that none of the development will be located within the floodway or floodplain.* The preliminary grading and drainage plan is shown in Figure 2-7.

Table 2-2 (page 2-12)

The table should be updated to include that FEMA is also responsible for the approval of Letter of Map Revision (LOMR).

FLOODING (page 3.2-8)

As recommended above, the last paragraph of this section should also be rewritten as follows: A Conditional Letter of Map Revision (*CLOMR*) has been approved by the ~~Army Corps of Engineers~~ *Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on 9/28/2006*, effectively ~~moving stating that the proposed development will be located outside the 100-year floodplain and floodway boundaries so that none of the development will be located within the floodway or floodplain.~~ *stating that the proposed development will be located outside the 100-year floodplain and floodway boundaries so that none of the development will be located within the floodway or floodplain.* A portion of the northern Carmel River....

Mitigation Measure BIO-8: Monitor Bank Erosion in Project Reach and Restore Riparian Vegetation and River Bank if Disturbed Due to Increased Velocities (page 3.3-36)

The applicant shall monitor the portion of the Carmel River adjacent to the project for potential bank erosion ~~due to increase flow velocities~~. Monitoring shall be at a minimum on an annual basis following the wet season. Where bank erosion and/or *lost* riparian vegetation is identified as ~~lost due to project-induced increase in velocities~~, the applicant shall obtain all required regulatory permits to restore disturbed banks and riparian vegetation. Riparian plantings shall follow the requirements described in Mitigation Measure BIO-7, *and annual reporting shall follow the requirements described in Mitigation Measure HYD-7.*

Thank you for the opportunity to review the DEIR. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (831) 755-4860.

Sincerely,



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