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**Review of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the
City of Rancho Cucamonga 2010 General Plan Update Project**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comment is intended to provide guidance to the lead agency and should be incorporated into the revised Draft or Final Environmental Impact Report (Draft or Final EIR) as appropriate.

The SCAQMD staff recognizes the regional air quality benefits of the proposed project such as providing a new mixed land use designation that could potentially reduce overall vehicle miles traveled in the region. However, SCAQMD staff is concerned about the proposed placement of certain new mixed land uses in close proximity to industrial uses and adjacent to Interstate 15 (Please see the Draft General Plan Land Use Map in Exhibit A). According to page three in Appendix A of the Draft EIR the mixed land use designation allows for residential uses. Therefore, the placement of mixed land uses near industrial uses and a freeway could expose sensitive receptors to significant sources of air pollution resulting in potentially significant health risk impacts. As a result, SCAQMD staff requests that the lead agency reduce future potential project related health impacts by adhering to all applicable advisory recommendations for sensitive land uses provided in the CARB Air Quality and Land Use Handbook (available at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/landuse.htm>).

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092.5, please provide the SCAQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final EIR. Further, staff is available to work with the lead agency to address these issues and any

other questions that may arise. Please contact Dan Garcia, Air Quality Specialist CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3304, if you have any questions regarding the enclosed comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian V. MacMillan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "I" and "M".

Ian MacMillan
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Attachment

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