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**Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft Program EIR) for the Proposed  
Hester Basin and Recreational Field Project in Garden Grove**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final CEQA document.

In the project description, the lead agency proposes the construction of a pump station that would include three natural gas-fired 750 HP pump engines and one natural gas-fired 350 kW generator and modifications to the existing basin to provide increased flood protection and recreational opportunities. In the air quality section on page 5.2-15, the lead conducted a search of existing facilities emitting toxic emissions within a one-mile radius of the project site using a screening analysis available from the California Air Resources Board. Although the lead agency has determined that there are no existing facilities within one-mile from the project site, an actual assessment of the health effects from potential toxic emissions from the pump engines and generator was not included in the Draft EIR. Based on AQMD Rule 1401 - New Source Review of Toxic Air Contaminants, the lead agency should analyze the potential project health risks to receptors located nearby. Those impacts should be included in the Final EIR.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092.5, please provide the AQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final Program Environmental Impact Report. The AQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other air quality questions that may arise. Please contact Gordon Mize, Air Quality Specialist – CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3302, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian V. MacMillan".

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