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Review of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) for the Proposed General Plan Amendment 12-01, Zone Change 12-01 and Zoning Code Amendment 12-01 Project

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 considered prior to adoption of the final environmental document as appropriate.

The AQMD staff is concerned about the potential health risk impacts to future sensitive receptors (i.e., residents) at the project site located approximately 200 feet southeast of the 215 Freeway. The 215 Freeway is a potentially significant source of toxic air pollutants due to the approximate 157,000 vehicles per day that travel along this section. Given that the proposed project will amend the general plan and zoning code the AQMD staff encourages the lead agency to include provisions (e.g., conditions, policy requirements, etc.) in the proposed project applicable to sensitive land uses that are consistent with the CARB Land Use Handbook¹. The inclusion of such provisions in the proposed project could minimize future health risk impacts to the city's residents. Guidance on conducting a health risk assessment for projects of this type is also available from the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association². Lastly, the AQMD staff encourages the lead agency to review the Proposed Final 2012-2035 Regional

¹ California Air Resources Board. April 2005. "Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Health Perspective." Accessed at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/landuse.htm>

² California Air Pollution Control Officers Association Health Risk Assessment Guidance Document. Accessed at: http://www.capcoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/CAPCOA_HRA_LU_Guidelines_8-6-09.pdf

Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy³ to identify potential mitigation measures that may feasibly be applied to this project.

AQMD 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,



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Attachment

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³ Southern California Association of Governments 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. Accessed at: <http://rtpscs.scag.ca.gov/Pages/Proposed-Final-2012-2035-RTP-SCS.aspx>