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Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Proposed Date Palm Business Park Project

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

SCAQMD Staff's Summary of Project Description

The Lead Agency proposes to remove an existing farm and construct an approximately 1.2 million square feet of business park on 82 acres (Proposed Project). The Proposed Project will be constructed in two phases over seven to 10 years.

Permits and Compliance with SCAQMD Rules

In the event that a generator rated greater than 50 brake horsepower (bhp) is necessary for the Proposed Project, a permit from SCAQMD would be required, and SCAQMD should be identified as a CEQA responsible agency for this Project in the Final MND.

The Final MND should also include a discussion to demonstrate compliance with SCAQMD Rule 201 – Permit to Construct, Rule 203 – Permit to Operate, Rule 1470 – Requirements for Stationary Diesel-Fueled Internal Combustion Engines, and Rule 1110.2 – Emissions From Gaseous- and Liquid-Fueled Engines. If there are permit questions concerning the generator, they can be directed to SCAQMD Engineering and Compliance staff at (909) 396-2315.

The Proposed Project is a large operation on 82 acres (50 acres or more of disturbed surface area; or daily earth-moving operations of 3,850 cubic yards or more on three days in any year) in the South Coast Air Basin. The Lead Agency is required to comply with SCAQMD Rule 403(e) – Additional Requirements for Large Operations¹. The requirements may include, but are not limited to, Large Operation Notification (Form 403 N), appropriate signage, additional dust control measures, and employment of a dust control supervisor that has successfully completed the Dust Control in the South Coast Air Basin training class².

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074, prior to approving the Proposed Project, the Lead Agency shall consider the MND for adoption together with any comments received during the public review process.

¹ SCAQMD. Rule 403. Last amended June 3, 2005. Accessed at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/rule-iv/rule-403.pdf>.

² SCAQMD Compliance and Enforcement Staff's contact information for Rule 403(e) Large Operations is (909) 396-2608 or by e-mail at dustcontrol@aqmd.gov.

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SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address any air quality questions that may arise from this comment letter. Please contact Jack Cheng, Air Quality Specialist, CEQA IGR Section, at (909) 396-2448, if you have any questions.

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