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Subject: Comments on Madrona 2012 EIR Update

Dear Mr. Crabtree:

The Inland Empire District of the Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the aforementioned project. State Parks is a trustee agency as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). State Parks' mission in part is to provide for the health, inspiration, and education of the people of California by preserving the state's extraordinary biodiversity and creating opportunities for high quality outdoor recreation. As the office responsible for the stewardship of Chino Hills State Park (Chino Hills SP), we have an interest and concern about contemplated alterations of land use adjacent to the park.

We suggest the City consider discouraging vehicle parking adjacent to homes closest to the Aera parcel. The open space has the potential to encourage trail users to park in front of homes for easy access to trails. In our experience, residents have complained when they experience high traffic near their homes.

We suggest the developer secure access rights from Aera so that future residents can have lawful access into the Sonome Canyon area of Chino Hills SP. Presently, the Aera parcel sits between the proposed development and Sonome Canyon, a likely destination for the future residents. Access rights would also help reduce the need to drive to an established trailhead to use the park.

State Parks supports the development of the Madrona Fire Protection Plan. It is important that the developer is aware that while no fuel modification appears to be planned within Chino Hills State Park the Department's policy states that such activities are incompatible with its land management goals and would not be allowed. State Parks recommends the use of only native plant species that occur within the immediately surrounding area for use within the fuel modification zones. State Parks strongly opposes the use of any plants identified by the California Invasive Plant

Counsel as invasive species within fuel modification zones or within any of the vegetated zones within the development. See <http://www.cal-ipc.org/> for further details.

State Parks supports AMM 7 – Human Activity. The Department feels it has the potential to reduce indirect impacts from the establishment of the Madrona development to Chino Hills State Park. State Parks requests the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed “homeowner materials” prior to their finalization and dissemination to homeowners to assure consistency with Department interests and policy.

Thank you again for coordinating this project with us. For further discussion, please contact me or Enrique Arroyo at (951) 453-6848.

Sincerely,



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