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STATE OF CALIFORNIA-THE RESOURCES AGENCY

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May 26, 2010

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DIR-2010-771-DRB-SPP-MSP, 7711 Firenze Avenue

Dear Mr. Netburn:

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) staff has been in consultation with the applicant for the above-referenced proposed project and have reached an agreement with regard to mitigation measures.

To reduce the negative impacts to habitat connectivity that would result from this project, the applicant has agreed to dedicate a conservation easement to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) over a specifically described portion of the property. Said easement shall be recorded in favor of the MRCA prior to the issuance of permits for this property. (See attachment A.)

This easement will allow for Fire Department-required fuel modification, landscaping of plants native to the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains and associated irrigation (non-overhead), boulders, and two staggered, 4-foot high, wooden post and rail fences 18 inches above the finished grade. The easement will explicitly disallow structures, lighting, grading, hardscape, public access, utilities, and any and all fencing other than the afore-mentioned post and rail fences.

The applicant has also agreed to assume responsibility for Fire Department-required fuel modification on the portion of the publicly-owned land to the north that is affected by the existing residence and this project. (See attachment B.)

If you have any questions, please contact me at 310-589-3200, ext. 128. We will begin work on a mutually agreeable conservation easement deed. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

PAUL EDELMAN
Deputy Director
Natural Resources and Planning

Attachments: A – Diagram of Conservation Easement Boundaries
B – Diagram of Voluntary Brush Clearance Area