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Mr. Richard Ayala
City of Ontario, Planning Department
200 North Cherry Avenue
Ontario, CA 91764

RE: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DSEIR) FOR GUASTI PLAZA SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT

Dear Mr. Ayala:

Thank you for giving the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works (Department) the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project. The environmental document was circulated to other Divisions within our Department and the following are their comments:

Environmental Management Division (Brandy Wood, Ecological Resource Specialist (909) 387-7971):

1. Section 4.9 Biological Resources and Table 4.9-3 Wildlife Species indicate that Antelope Ground Squirrel (*Ammospermophilus leucurus*) occurs within the project site. The habitat and range of the Antelope Ground squirrel consists of Alkali sink and Creosote bush scrub in the California deserts. While it was probably California ground squirrel (*Otospermophilus beecheyi*) that was observed, it is important to correctly identify all impacts of the project during the EIR process.

Water Resources Division (Kevin Blakeslee, P.E., Deputy Director (909) 387-7919):

1. In general, it appears that the DSEIR has identified the major concerns of the Flood Control District (District). However, the District's recommendations are most often made for site specific conditions. Consequently, the recommendations made here are general in nature until such time as more detailed plans become available.
2. We recommend that the City of Ontario (City) establish adequate provisions for intercepting and conducting the accumulated drainage around or through all construction sites in a manner which will not adversely affect adjacent or downstream properties.
3. We recommend that the most current FEMA regulations, for construction within established floodplains, be enforced by the City.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the specific individuals who provided that specific comment, as listed above.

Sincerely,

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