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January 12, 2000

Mr. Brad Wetstone, Project Manager
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**RE: BOLSA CHICA WATER TRANSMISSION LINE/WASTEWATER SERVICE
DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)**

Dear Mr. Wetstone:

The City of Santa Ana is pleased to submit our comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Bolsa Chica Water Transmission Line/Wastewater Service Project. After review of the Draft Supplemental EIR, we have determined that there are no impacts associated with the project that are specific to the City of Santa Ana. However, the City does have concern regarding seawater intrusion impacts into the basins main aquifers.

In Section C.6-Hydrology and Water Quality, the Draft Supplemental EIR identifies the current main aquifers and the seawater intrusion barrier. Our concern is that in the event additional water wells are provided for the area, the Draft Supplemental EIR does not identify any mitigation measures that would require the provision of additional injection wells to the seawater intrusion barrier.

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At this time we are requesting that mitigation measures be provided requiring the provision of additional injection wells to prevent the intrusion of seawater in the main aquifers, in the event additional water wells are provided in the area.

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We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Supplemental EIR for the Bolsa Chica Water Transmission Line/Wastewater Service Project. If you have any questions concerning our comments, please feel to call me at (714) 667-2719.

Sincerely,



Dan Bott
Environmental Coordinator

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pc: Thom Coughran, Water Resources Manager

RESPONSES TO THE CITY OF SANTA ANA

Building & Planning Agency

Letter Dated January 12, 2000

- 10-1 Although mentioned in Section B of the Draft SEIR, the installation of a groundwater well is not a part of the Proposed Project that is subject to review by the CPUC. However, the developer of the Bolsa Chica Planned Community project, Hearthside Homes, does plan to install a well on Bolsa Chica Mesa as a supplemental water source. The CPUC is not involved in providing any approvals for this well. The well was part of the project analyzed in the *1996 Recirculated Draft EIR for the Bolsa Chica Report Local Coastal Program*. We recommend that you present your concerns to the Lead Agency for the Bolsa Chica Planned Community project – the County of Orange.