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## **Comments on Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report Carbon Canyon General Plan Amendment and Zone Change**

Dear Mr. Crabtree:

The Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) provides the following comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) for the Carbon Canyon General Plan Amendment (GPA) and Zone Change. WCCA was established to provide for the proper planning, conservation, environmental protection, and maintenance of the habitat and wildlife corridor between the Whittier-Puente Hills and the Cleveland National Forest in the Santa Ana Mountains.

The project includes a repeal of the Carbon Canyon Specific Plan, a GPA to change land use designations for a majority of the residential categories in the Carbon Canyon Specific Plan area to Hillside Residential, a zone change to achieve consistency with the new proposed land use designations, and zoning ordinance amendments to provide implementation (i.e., prominent ridgeline adoption; DSEIR, pp. 1-1 and 1-9). Under the proposed project, the total number of residential units that could be developed in the area would be substantially reduced (to approximately 103) compared to the development levels assumed in the General Plan (approximately 1,685; DSEIR, p. 1-16).

In general, WCCA concurs with the City's approach to reassigning land use designations and zoning to reflect the City's goals and policies in the recently adopted General Plan Update (2003) and the Hillside Zoning Ordinance. For example, in WCCA's March 13, 2003 letter to the City regarding the General Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report, WCCA recommended that the natural vegetated land within the Carbon Canyon Specific Plan be designated as HR (as is now shown on the Proposed General Plan Land Use Plan in the DSEIR, Figure 1-6). WCCA also previously expressed its support for many of the policies and goals in the General Plan Update.

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WCCA also concurs with the DSEIR (p. 5-6) stating that Puente-Chino Hills areas serve as an important wildlife corridor between the Santa Ana Mountains to the east and San Gabriel Mountains to the north. WCCA also concurs with the DSEIR, which states that Carbon Canyon has been identified as an important corridor link within the larger wildlife corridor connecting these topographic complexes.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact Judi Tamasi of our staff at the above address, or by phone at (310) 589-3200, ext. 121.

Sincerely,

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