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Mr. Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP
Executive Director
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon
Malibu, CA 90265

Subject: Grant Requests - Tapo Canyon ($975,000)
Zorro's Cabin ($100,000)
Hummingbird Creek ($500,000)

Dear Joe,

Over the past year the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District has attempted to identify and evaluate desirable open space acquisitions within our District. The District has attempted to identify parcels which will truly make a positive impact on the quality of life in our community. Both Rory and Paul have been invaluable during this process with Paul visiting each of the three identified properties.

Enclosed are Grant Applications for the acquisition of 171.17 acres of property, including a 152.79 acre parcel in Tapo Canyon, a 6.1 acre parcel south of Santa Susana Pass Road known as Zorro's Cabin, and the 12.28 acre parcel located northeast of Kuehner Drive and SR-118 known as the Hummingbird Creek parcel.

The status of each of the acquisitions is different, therefore the District acknowledges that the grant applications might be processed individually. The District does, however, strongly feel that acquisition of all three parcels is critical. Accordingly, at its meeting of December 15, 2005, the District's Board of Directors designated up to one million dollars of local public monies toward the purchase of the three properties. Additionally, extensive private funds are also included, including sizeable contributions from the Santa Susana Mountains Park Association and Hummingbird Nest Ranch.

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The District is available to provide any additional supporting information. If you have any questions, please contact Ed Hayduk, Assistant General Manager at 805-584-4421. The District looks forward to our continued partnership with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Best regards,

Gene P. Hostetler
Chair, Board of Directors

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General Manager
Assistant General Manager
Legal Counsel