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Attachment
SMMC Item 15
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City of Malibu
Planning Division
Attn: Kathleen Mallory
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Comments on General Plan Amendment No. 02-004, Initial Study No. 04-003, and Negative Declaration No. 04-001, revised trail maps from the Trails Master Plan

To Ms. Mallory:

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) have reviewed the proposed General Plan Amendment No. 02-004, Initial Study No. 04-003, and Negative Declaration No. 04-001 to amend the General Plan to incorporate revised trail maps from the trails master plan. It is our understanding that the City has recently decided to continue this item to a date uncertain, so that the City can consider the General Plan amendment for the trails map concurrently with other anticipated General Plan amendments, namely those associated with the Malibu Local Coastal Program. We also understand that only the trail maps are being considered for revision; the Trails Master Plan is not being proposed for revision. The Conservancy concurs with the comments provided by the National Park Service in an August 20, 2004 letter to the City. The Conservancy provides the following additional brief comments.

As you know, trail easement dedications are sometimes required by the California Coastal Commission as conditions of Coastal Development Permits. We encourage coordination with the California Coastal Commission and maximum inclusion of these required trail dedications in the City's trail maps, whether they have been accepted or built. This information, if readily available in the City's trail maps, facilitates planning of future developments so that opportunities for trail alignments are not foreclosed. For example, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has accepted a trail easement near Sweetwater Mesa Road as a condition of a Coastal Development Permit for that area, which is not shown on the Map T3. There are several trail easement dedications in this area at varying stages that potentially could form a connected trail. This "Sweetwater Mesa Trail" was also included in the County's Trails Plan, and it should be depicted on Map T3.

The Conservancy recently constructed a parking lot and landscaped entrance to Corral Canyon Park. The existing trails at Corral Canyon Park should be depicted on Map T3.

The entire Escondido-Winding Way Trail should be depicted on Map T2. We were unable to determine whether the entire trail was depicted.

We appreciate the City's efforts to date to try to coordinate with the park agencies in development of the City's trail maps. We encourage continued coordination with park agencies in the Santa Monica Mountains. Specifically, coordination with National Park Service would help ensure that the trail maps are consistent with trails maps being developed as part of the National Park Service's efforts to develop an Interagency Regional Trail Master Plan for the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact Judi Tamasi of our staff at (310) 589-3200, ext. 121 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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In a letter dated August 30, 2004 (enclosed), the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) submitted comments to the City on the proposed General Plan Amendment No. 02-004, Initial Study No. 04-003, and Negative Declaration No. 04-001 to amend the General Plan to incorporate revised trail maps from the trails master plan. We ask that you consider the following additional comment.

We encourage the City of Malibu to coordinate with the County of Los Angeles regarding alignments of trails, and specifically regarding the alignment of the Coastal Slope Trail.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact Judi Tamasi of our staff at (310) 589-3200, ext. 121 if you have any questions.

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