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**Exercise of Right of First Refusal for Caltrans Surplus Parcels
101 Freeway-Valley Circle Boulevard Interchange**

Dear Ms. Moore and Ms. Cai:

For many years the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has had an interest in permanently protecting the excess Caltrans land at the 101 Freeway-Valley Circle Interchange at the City of Los Angeles and Calabasas border. The passage of Proposition 50 and its Chapter 8 grant program recently sharpened our focus on the subject parcels. The subject parcels, that are of great interest to our agency, are now included in the Upper Los Angeles River Integrated Water Management Plan-Phase 1 that is now under review by the Department of Water Resources. It is our understanding that a few of these parcels are on the verge of being sold on the open market.

Section 33207(b) of the Public Resources Code reads in part as follows:

The conservancy shall have the first right of refusal on any property within the zone presently owned by a public agency and scheduled for disposal as excess lands, except where such lands are designated for acquisition as a park or recreation area by a federal, state, or local agency. The conservancy shall have the right to acquire such lands at the disposing agency's purchase price plus any administrative and management cost incurred by the disposing agency.

Through this letter, the Conservancy exercises its first right of refusal for the following parcels:

1. R/W Map F 2213-10 (07-LA-101 - PM 27.4)

Parcels 48070 and 480-58

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Parcels 56221 and 48067

2. R/W Map F 2213-11 (07-LA-101-27.4)

Parcels 48060, 48061, 48062, 48063, and 48064

Parcels 1505 and 1506

We respectfully request that Caltrans halt all sales activity on all of the above referenced parcels and begin negotiations with the Conservancy. The Conservancy's intent is to leave the parcels as permanent open space within the Santa Monica Mountains Zone in full cooperation with Caltrans. I will be on vacation until September 6, 2005. My phone number and email are (310) 589-3200 ext. 128 and edelman@smmc.ca.gov. In the interim please contact my supervisor, Ms. Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director at ext. 112 and by email at skei@smmc.ca.gov. A simple confirmation of your receipt of this letter via email or otherwise to the two of us would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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