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Request for Continuance, Regional Planning Commission Hearing May 17, 2017, Significant Ecological Areas Ordinance

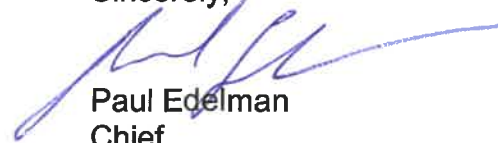
Dear Chairperson Doug Smith and Commissioners:

Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority staff respectfully requests that the Regional Planning Commission (Commission) continue the hearing for the Significant Ecological Areas Ordinance (SEA Ordinance), scheduled for May 17, 2017. Our agency has followed the development of the SEA Ordinance for many years. We have a sincere interest in ensuring that the best version of the document moves forward.

According to the handout provided by the County, "Understanding Draft 7 of the SEA Ordinance Update," the deadline for comments on Draft 7 is May 3, hearing documents and Draft 8 will be available May 4, and the Regional Planning Commission public hearing will be May 17. This schedule is rushed and does not afford adequate opportunity for the public to comment and for County staff to consider the public comments. It is unlikely that County staff can fully consider and incorporate into the document or staff report recommendation public comments in one day (from May 3 to May 4). In addition, a new version, Draft 8, would be the version going to the Planning Commission. The public will have commented on a version that is not going to Commission.

We recommend that County staff be given at least two to three weeks to analyze the public comments and prepare a staff recommendation to the Commission for changes to the SEA Ordinance that reflect the public comments. If you have any questions, Judi Tamasi can be reached by phone at (310) 589-3230, x121, or by email at judi.tamasi@mrca.ca.gov. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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