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MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

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City of Corona Community Development Department 400 S. Vicentia Avenue Corona, CA 92882 Attn: Jason Moquin

Re: Draft EIR, Ranch dePaseo Valencia

As a government agency whose primary objective is to protect the public from vectors and vector-borne diseases, our concern would be any impoundments of water which may breed mosquitoes and midges. Any impoundment of water which stands 3 days or longer can produce mosquitoes, and becomes a public nuisance or a health threat, or both, exposing the residents of both nearby and distant vicinities to mosquito borne diseases such as West Nile Virus, Saint Louis Encephalitis, etc.

Our recommendations will specifically address any such areas which are designated for collection of runoff from the neighborhood. We would like all such areas to be made accessible to our technicians and vehicle traffic for the purposes of inspection and/or treatments for mosquito breeding. There must be provisions in place for annual maintenance of paths, roads, and vegetation management. Unchecked growth in aquatic habitats, if not maintained, will lead to increased mosquito breeding habitat and hinder technicians efforts to inspect as well as abate the mosquito breeding.

Sincerely,

Marta Tanaka Field Supervisor

Cc: Major S. Dhillon, Ph.D., District Manager