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Mr. Tracy Reed, Project Manager
City of San Diego, Redevelopment Agency
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Dear Mr. Reed:

DRAFT PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE GRANTVILLE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

On February 11, 2005 the Governing Board of the San Diego River Conservancy unanimously voted to (1) direct its Executive Officer to develop and submit comments on the Grantville Redevelopment Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) dated December 13, 2004; and (2) request an extension of the comment period of at least 30 days or longer to allow adequate time for comment on the Draft EIR and on its consistency with the City of San Diego River Park Master Plan, the Conservancy's Enabling Statute, and other relevant documents.

Accordingly, I have enclosed the Conservancy's Draft Preliminary Comments on the Grantville Redevelopment Project Draft Program EIR. Although the Conservancy was not "officially" granted the requested extension, we are submitting the attached preliminary draft comments at this time and plan to submit final comments upon completion. The attached document contains (1) a brief summary of the Conservancy's initial concerns based on our preliminary review of the Draft EIR (and relevant documents); and (2) verbatim transcript of the oral public comments made directly by the Governing Board members on February 11. I want to emphasize that the attached comments are summary and very preliminary in nature, designed primarily to make you aware of the Conservancy's initial concerns at this time. At a minimum, I request that you attach the Conservancy's preliminary comments to the next public release of the EIR.

Tracy, on behalf of the Governing Board, I want to thank you and Ms. Maureen Ostrye again for your February 11 presentation and for your consideration of the Conservancy's comments. If you have questions or would like to discuss our comments further, please contact me at (858) 467-2972 or by e-mail at djayne@waterboards.ca.gov. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Deborah S. Jayne
Executive Officer

cc: Ms. Maureen Ostrye, Acting Deputy Director of Redevelopment, City of San Diego