April 9, 2012

Ms. Sylvia Ornelas  
County of Santa Clara  
Department of Planning and Development  
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San Jose, CA 95110

Dear Ms. Ornelas:

MTB Olive Branch—Mitigated Negative Declaration

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Department) in the environmental review process for the project referenced above. As the lead agency, the County of Santa Clara is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to State highways. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures. This information should also be presented in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan of the environmental document. Required roadway improvements should be completed prior to issuance of any occupancy certificate.

Access Management and Design
The project proposes the construction of a new private road providing access between the proposed dwelling units and Mount Hamilton Road, or State Route (SR) 130. Please note that this new access connection to SR-130 must be designed consistent with the standards detailed in the Department's Highway Design Manual, 2010 Standard Plans, and 2010 Standard Specifications. These publications can be obtained electronically at the following website:  
http://caltrans-opac.ca.gov/publicat.htm

Vegetation Clearing and Tree Removal
The line of sight analysis in the Traffic Impact Study identifies the need for vegetation clearing and tree removal at the southeast corner of SR-130 and the proposed private road, to provide stopping sight distance for westbound vehicles on SR-130. Any such work within the State ROW would be subject to conditions of approval by the Department.
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Encroachment Permit
Please be advised that any work or traffic control that encroaches onto the State right-of-way (ROW), such as the private road connection to SR-130 identified above, requires an encroachment permit that is issued by the Department. To apply, a completed encroachment permit application, environmental documentation, and five (5) sets of plans clearly indicating State ROW must be submitted to: Office of Permits, California Department of Transportation, District 4, P.O. Box 23660, Oakland, CA 94623-0660. Applicable mitigation measures should be incorporated into the construction plans during the encroachment permit process. See the following website for more information: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Keith Wayne of my staff by telephone at (510) 286-5737, or by email at keith_wayne@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

GARY ARNOLD
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c: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse

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