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Mr. Eric Wu
Chief of Groundwater Permitting Unit
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region
320 West 4th Street
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Los Angeles, CA 90013

**RE: Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) / Water Reclamation Requirements (WRRs)
for Vista Canyon Water Factory – City of Santa Clarita (File No. 14-031, Order No. R4-2016-XXXX, CI-
10041, Global ID WDR100016910)**

Dear Mr. Wu:

The Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the issuance of the above referenced permits for the Vista Canyon project. The Chamber represents over 1,200 businesses in the Santa Clarita Valley. The Chamber, on behalf of its members, works to maintain a healthy business climate. The Chamber also takes an active role in promoting new jobs and employment opportunities in the Santa Clarita Valley. The Vista Canyon project will create a new significant job center in the eastern Santa Clarita Valley.

Furthermore, recycled water is becoming an even more critical component in meeting future water demand in the State of California. The State Water Resources Control Board has adopted goals to increase the use of recycled water as this local source of water supply is drought proof, reliable and minimizes are carbon footprint. Projects like this make it very clear that the City of Santa Clarita and the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agencies strongly support these goals and are working with the private sector (in this case Vista Canyon) to increase the use of recycled water in the Valley. This critical project will result in the first use of recycled water in the eastern Santa Clarita Valley, initially on the Vista Canyon site and in the future existing neighborhoods surrounding Vista Canyon.

In addition to the Vista Canyon Water Factory, the development will include a new multi-modal City of Santa Clarita Transit Station (including both a Metrolink Station and Bus Transfer Station) and up to 950,000 square feet of commercial floor area, with the majority being corporate and professional office space. The Vista Canyon project will result in the creation of up to 4,000 permanent jobs in its town center!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis K. Woods, II".

Curtis K. Woods, II
2016 Chairman of the Board

