



May 16, 2014

City of Brea

Ms. Emma Howard  
Regional Planning Department  
320 W. Temple St., Room 1354  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**SUBJECT: Draft Significant Ecological Areas (SEA) and Hillside Management (HMO) Ordinances for the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County**

Dear Ms. Howard:

I am writing in regard to the subject issues and to express the City of Brea's continued interest on these efforts. Thank you for this further opportunity to comment on the County's draft ordinances. We greatly appreciate the relationship our jurisdictions have enjoyed and continuing that tradition of inter-governmental cooperation. This is particularly important in the consideration of environmental issues, where our jurisdictions share a common border within a constrained hillside environment.

I appreciate our phone conversation earlier this week to update me on the County's process and progress toward adoption of the subject ordinances. As we discussed, the City has historically expressed our concern that any development approach for the hills be sensitive and respectful of resources and landforms and the general context of hillside areas. To that end, we've provided comments in the past regarding the County's drafts for SEA and Hillside Management Ordinances (incorporated here by reference).

The City appreciates the County's approach for SEA's and its HMO which will afford complete and participatory review of any future development project's for these sensitive lands. We encourage the County to maintain such an approach and look forward to participating in any review of such future projects as they may be proposed near our community.

Thank you again for this additional opportunity to comment. Please feel free to reach me at (714) 990-7674 if you should have any questions regarding our comments.

Sincerely,

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Community Development Acting Director

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