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Ms. Maya E. Zaitzevsky  
Los Angeles City Planning Department  
200 North Spring Street, Room 763  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Zaitzevsky:

**RESPONSE TO A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
THE CANYON HILLS PROJECT  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the subject document. The project proposes to develop 280 single-family homes on subdivided residential lots, an equestrian park, and approximately 693 acres of open space. Site development consists of grading for building pad sites, access, and other necessary improvements, the construction of homes, storm drainage facilities, and access improvements, the installation of utilities, the landscaping of common area. The 887-acre project site is located entirely within the Verdugo Mountains in the northeastern San Fernando Valley at 8000 West La Tuna Canyon Road in the City of Los Angeles. We have reviewed the submittal and offer the following comments:

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Environmental Programs

We have reviewed the subject document and have no comments.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wilson Fong at (626) 458-3581.

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Flood Maintenance

If the project requires flood control facilities to be maintained by Public Works, plan reviews will be required by Design and Flood Maintenance Divisions. At that point, we would be able to provide specific comments to the project.

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If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Burke at (626) 458-4114.

Geotechnical and Materials Engineering

The proposed project will not have significant environmental effects to County of Los Angeles facilities from a geology and soils standpoint, provided the appropriate ordinances and codes are followed. Portions of the project site are located within mapped potential seismically induced landslide areas, per the State of California Seismic Hazard Zone Map, Burbank Quadrangle. However, seismic slope stability analyses are not warranted at this time. Detailed seismic stability analyses, conforming to the requirements of the State of California Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 117, should be conducted at the tentative map and/or grading/building plan stages.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Amir Alam at (626) 458-4925.

Land Development

Hydrology and Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) Review

This environmental document has been reviewed only for drainage and SUSMP impacts to County of Los Angeles areas and facilities. There are no comments at this time.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael Hales at (626) 458-4921.

Transportation Planning

The proposed project will not have any significant impacts on Los Angeles County highways.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Hubert Seto at (626) 458-4349.

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Traffic and Lighting

The project will not have any significant impact to County and County/city roadways in the area. No further information is required.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Patrick Arakawa of our Traffic Studies Section at (626) 300-4867.

Watershed Management


The proposed project should include investigation of watershed management opportunities to maximize capture of local rainfall on the project site, eliminate incremental increases in flows to the storm drain system, and provide filtering of flows to capture contaminants originating from the project site.

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If you have any questions regarding the above comments or the environmental review process of Public Works, please contact Ms. Massie Munroe at (626) 458-4359.

Very truly yours,

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