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Mr. Jon Rilling  
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**Subject: Lilac Hills Ranch Off-Site Improvements – Gopher Canyon Road/East Vista Way – Cultural Resources Survey**

Dear Mr. Rilling:

HELIX Environmental Planning, Inc. was contracted by Accretive Investments, Inc. to conduct an archaeological survey for the proposed off-site improvements at the intersection of Gopher Canyon Road and East Vista Way in conjunction with the Lilac Hills Ranch Project (Project). The survey was conducted on July 14, 2015, and no cultural material was found in the off-site improvements area. Therefore, the intersection improvements are expected to have no impacts to cultural resources. The methods and results of the survey are presented in this letter report.

The Gopher Canyon Road/East Vista Way intersection is located approximately 6 miles southwest of the northwestern corner of the Project area. The intersection is in Township 11 South, Range 3 West, in Section 6, on the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5' San Marcos quadrangle.

A review of in-house records and a check of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) at the South Coastal Information Center were conducted. Although the general area is rich in cultural resources, no sites are recorded in the immediate vicinity of the Gopher Canyon Road/East Vista Way intersection.

The intersection improvements area was surveyed for cultural resources on July 14, 2015 by HELIX archaeologist Nicole Falvey and Saving Sacred Sites Native American monitor P.J. Stoneburner. The survey area consisted of the north and south shoulders of Gopher Canyon Road and the east and west shoulders of East Vista Way, starting at the intersection and traveling 210 feet east and south, respectively. The proposed intersection improvements consist of new pavement on the north side of Gopher Canyon Road and on the east side of East Vista Way, as well as restriping of the paved roadway. Asphalt covered most of the area surveyed, and vegetation such as grasses, shrubs, and vines obscured much of the remaining ground surface.

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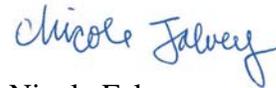
Visibility was poor to fair in the areas covered by vegetation and good in one area, a dirt path on the western side of East Vista Way that paralleled that street. All of the observable soil was brown silty sand with aggregate and gravel inclusions. No cultural materials or anthrosols were observed.

No cultural resources have been identified within the proposed intersection improvement area for Gopher Canyon Road/East Vista Way; therefore, no impacts to cultural resources are anticipated from these roadway improvements. However, given the proximity to the San Luis Rey River and the number of cultural resources known in the general vicinity, there is a potential for subsurface cultural resources. Therefore, an archaeologist and a Native American monitor shall be present for all ground-disturbing activity, including brushing and grubbing, grading, trenching, and excavation. In the event that cultural material is encountered, the monitors should have the authority to temporarily halt or redirect grading activities while the cultural material is documented and assessed. Determinations of significance of cultural material encountered and the potential need for additional mitigation measures would be agreed upon by the archaeological principal investigator, Native American monitor, and County of San Diego staff.

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