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NOTICE OF STATEMENT OF POTENTIAL REASONS FOR THE ELIMINATION OF ACCESS TO A STATE-DESIGNATED AREA OF IDENTIFIED MINERAL RESOURCE SIGNIFICANCE (MRZ-2)

March 20, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego is proposing to eliminate access to a state-designated area of identified mineral resource significance for the following project. The Notice of Statement of Potential Reasons can be reviewed on the World Wide Web at http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/ceqa_public_review.html, at the Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU), Project Processing Counter, 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B, San Diego, California 92123 and the public library(ies) listed below. Comments on this Notice of Statement of Potential Reasons must be sent to the DPLU address listed above and should reference the project number and name.

SP 04-006, GPA 04-006, R04-013, TM 5381, S04-035, S04-036, S04-037, AD 06-007, LOG NO. 04-08-028; MERRIAM MOUNTAINS SPECIFIC PLAN. The project is the development of a master-planned community integrating residential, commercial, recreational and open space land uses. The project will allow a maximum of 2,700 dwelling units with an overall density of 1.16 dwelling units per acre within the 2,327-acre area. The proposed Specific Plan is divided into a number of distinct areas. All development is proposed within five Neighborhoods in the southerly portion of the Specific Plan Area (SPA) and one small area in the northernmost portion of the SPA. Residential density within the various Neighborhoods ranges from 0.2 dwelling units per acre to 22.0 dwelling units per acre. Approximately 1,192 acres is retained as part of an open space preserve in the north central portion of the SPA. Another 563.2 acres is proposed for park and common landscaped areas. Other uses include 10.1 acres of neighborhood commercial, 13 acres of neighborhood parks, a 13-acre community park, 18.3 miles of trails, and associated community facilities and infrastructure. The project would be developed in four phases over approximately 10 years. Approximately 12,200,000 cubic yards of earthwork, including rock crushing, would be required. No import or export of grading materials is planned. The project is located in an area of northern San Diego County known as the Merriam Mountains. The site is bounded by Interstate 15 (I-15) on the east, Deer Springs Road (S12) on the south, and Twin Oaks Valley Road on the west, with a small portion of the western edge of the site traversed by Twin Oaks Valley Road, and the northeast corner of the site traversed by Lawrence

Welk Drive. The project is within the North County Metro and Bonsall Community Planning areas within the unincorporated area of San Diego County. Comments on this Notice of Statement of Potential Reasons must be received no later than May 19, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. (a 60-day public review period). This Notice of Statement of Potential Reasons can also be reviewed at the San Marcos Branch Library located at #2 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069 and the Escondido Branch Library located at 239 South Kalmia Street, Escondido, CA 92025. For additional information, please contact Maggie Loy at (858) 694-3736 or by e-mail at maggie.loy@sdcounty.ca.gov.

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