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To: County of San Diego

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Subject: Technical Memorandum - Mineral Resource Report, Otay Ranch Village

14 & Planning Areas 16/19, Revised TM and Specific Plan Amendment,

San Diego County, California

In accordance with your request, we are pleased to submit this Memorandum regarding a Mineral Resource Technical Study for the Otay Ranch Village 14 & Planning Areas 16/19, Proposed Project Amendment in San Diego County, California. To assist us in the preparation of this memorandum, we have reviewed the Proposed Project Amendment description and the Revised TM and Specific Plan Amendment graphics. In particular, Figure 1 shows the location of the Revised Tentative Maps and Figure 2 shows the development limits compared to the Approved Project and the EIR Land Exchange Alternative, (Figure 1 – Site Location Map and Figure 2 – Certified EIR Study Area, attached). In addition, we have performed a geotechnical site reconnaissance of the site and have discussed the project with the project team.

This Memorandum provides a discussion of the Proposed Project Amendment to the Approved Project; and an evaluation of the significance of impacts to local mineral resources due to implementation of the Proposed Project Amendment. This Memorandum incorporates the Final EIR and appendices by reference. Specifically, Leighton prepared the following Final EIR technical studies:

• Final EIR Appendix 3.4.1-1, Mineral Resource Technical Report Otay Ranch Village 14 And Planning Areas 16/ And 19 San Diego County, California prepared by Leighton & Associates, Inc. dated December 20, 2017.

 Final EIR Appendix 4.1-13, Mineral Resource Technical Report Otay Ranch, Village 14 Land Exchange Alternative San Diego County, California prepared by Leighton & Associates, Inc. dated October 31, 2017.

## **Project Description**

The Proposed Project Amendment relates to approximately 1,543 acres of undeveloped land within the 23,000-acre Otay Ranch master planned community, located in southern San Diego County. More specifically, the Proposed Project Amendment reflects proposed changes to the Approved Project, which the County Board of Supervisors approved on June 26, 2019 (the "Approved Project"). Both the Approved Project and the Proposed Project Amendment contemplate development within a portion of Otay Ranch Village 14 and Planning Areas 16/19 in the Proctor Valley area of Otay Ranch, as shown on Figure 2.

On June 27, 2019, the Owner/Applicant, entered into a Dispute Resolution Agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the County of San Diego (County), pursuant to which the Owner/Applicant would seek a land exchange with CDFW through a process overseen by the California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB). The proposed land exchange, if approved by WCB, would require the Owner/Applicant to (i) transfer 147.3 acres in Village 14 and 192.4 acres in Planning Areas 16 to CDFW, and (ii) record a conservation easement over 191.5 acres in Planning Area 16, and would require CDFW to transfer 219.4 acres in Village 14 to the Owner/Applicant. The Proposed Project Amendment would then be implemented upon the lands within the Owner/Applicant's ownership, including those received via the WCB land exchange.

Because the Proposed Project Amendment assumes the above-described land exchange between the Owner/Applicant and CDFW, it would result in a different development pattern than the Approved Project's development pattern. For this reason, the County will require that the Owner/Applicant process a Specific Plan Amendment and a Revised Tentative Map to accommodate the Proposed Project Amendment.

The purpose of this letter is to evaluate whether and to what extent the impacts of the Proposed Project Amendment differ from those of (i) the Approved Project and (ii) the EIR Land Exchange Alternative, both of which were assessed in the Final EIR for the Approved Project, certified by the County Board of Supervisors on June 26, 2019 (Final EIR). Note that the while the EIR Land Exchange Alternative and the Proposed Project Amendment both contemplate exchanges of land with CDFW, they differ in important respects.



### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The Otay Ranch Village 14 and Planning Area 16/19 Final EIR determined that impacts to mineral resources would be less than significant and did not require any mitigation measures for the Approved Project. Based on our review of the Proposed Project Amendment's development footprint (Figure 2) along with the documents contained within the attached References, we conclude that the Proposed Project Amendment's Revised TM/ Specific Plan Amendment is not a significant impact to County mineral resources. Specifically, this Proposed Project Amendment does not create a significant variation in location size and aerial limits to result in a significant difference in our conclusions and recommendations from the previously referenced Final EIR Mineral Resource Technical Reports. In addition, geologic conditions across the proposed amendment footprint are essentially the same as described in the referenced Final EIR Mineral Resource Technical Reports (References). Therefore, as with the previous Final EIR Technical Reports, no mitigation measures or design considerations are recommended for the Proposed Project Amendment.

If you have any questions regarding our memorandum, please contact this office. We appreciate this opportunity to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Figure 1 – Site Location Map

Figure 2 – Property Overview Map



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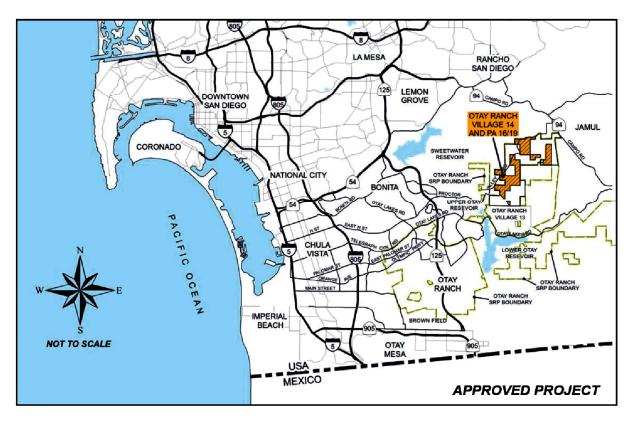
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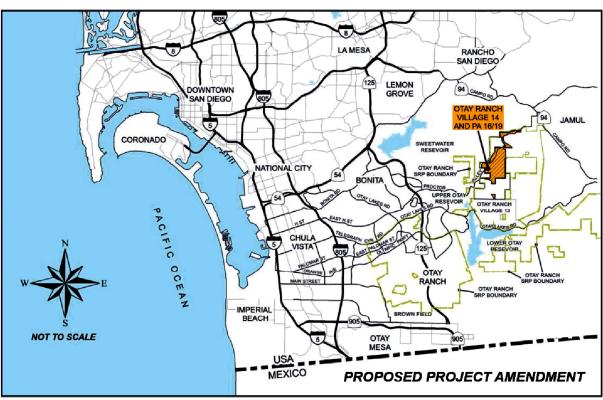
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# Aerial Photographs

Aerial Photographs Reviewed for Report			
Year	Flight ID	Photo ID	Photo Scale
1928	SD	69B- 1, 2, 3 69C- 1, 2, 3 69D- 1, 2, 3	1" = 1000'
1960-1970	SDCT2/T11	2- 74 14- 28, 29, 30	1" = 1000'
1968	AXN	3JJ- 101, 102, 175	1" = 2800'
1970	SDC	13- 7, 8	1" = 2000'
1971	GS-VCSQ	1- 5	1" = 2600'
1973-1975	SDPD	14- 11, 12, 13 15- 14	1" = 1000'
1974	SDC ORTHOS	Jamul Mtn.	1" = 2000'
1974	SDPD	2- 3,4	1" = 2000'
1976	SAN DIEGO	235, 236, 247, 248	1" = 2000'
1978-1979	SDCO (WEST)	33- F1,F2 34- D22, D23, D24	1" = 1000'
1983	C11109 (CAS)	139, 140	1" = 2000'
1989	WAC (WEST)	18- 49, 51	1" = 2640'







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Scale: Not to scale Date: November 2019

Base Map: Dudek, 2019.

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# **SITE LOCATION MAP**

Otay Ranch Village 14 and Planning Areas 16 and 19 San Diego County, California



