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**Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) for the Proposed
Agoura Oaks Plaza**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (Final MND).

Please provide the SCAQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final Negative Declaration. The SCAQMD staff would be happy to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other questions that may arise. Please contact Gordon Mize, Air Quality Specialist – CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3302, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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CO Hotspots Analysis

- In the Draft MND, the lead agency has noted that seven of the eight study intersections listed in Table 7 Level of Service and Traffic Impacts at Intersections Within the Project Vicinity on page 33 show a decline in the level of service in the AM and PM Peak Hours that would warrant a CO hotspots analysis. The SCAQMD recommends performing a CO hotspots analysis if the volume to capacity ratio increases by two percent or more as a result of a proposed project for intersections rated D or worse or if the LOS declines from C to D.

Please refer to the most current Cal Trans guidance regarding performing a CO hotspots analysis. This information can be obtained at the following internet address:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/env/air/coprot/htm> .