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Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Mountain View Solar Project

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) 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 MND.

AQMD staff notes that the Draft MND does not discuss AQMD Rule 403 regarding fugitive dust. Compliance with this rule during construction of this project should be cited in the Final MND. Questions regarding rule compliance can be referred to engineering and compliance staff at (866) 861-3878.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092.5, please provide the AQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final MND. The AQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other questions that may arise. Please contact Ian MacMillan, Program Supervisor – Inter-Governmental Review, at (909) 396-3244 if you have any questions regarding these comments.

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Sincerely,

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