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<u>Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) for the Proposed Commercial</u> <u>Project at Hamner Avenue and Riverside Drive/Planning Application No. 11-0354</u>

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.

The Lead Agency proposes to develop a 1.7-acre site with a new gasoline station that includes shared retail and restaurant space along with an attached car wash. In addition, a fast-food restaurant with a drive through component will also be built along with a dinein restaurant. Project construction and operations would both occur in 2014.

In the Final MND, the Lead Agency should include emission estimates and references to compliance with applicable SCAQMD rules and regulations for gasoline station operations including SCAQMD Rule 461 - Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing. Permit questions concerning storage tanks, dispensing nozzles, etc., can be directed to SCAQMD Engineering and Compliance staff at (909) 396- 2551.

Please provide the SCAQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final MND. The SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other air quality 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.

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