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**Draft Negative Declaration (Draft ND) for the Proposed 700 La Portada (City Water Tank)
Project in South Pasadena (Project No. 1744-CUP)**

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

In the project description, the lead agency proposes modification to the existing cellular panel
antennas that are mounted on the City Water Tank. Included in the project description is the
addition of a new emergency generator with ground level fuel storage. If the proposed generator
is diesel-fueled and is rated greater than 50 brake horsepower (bhp), a permit would be required
in accordance with SCAQMD rules including Rule 1470 – Requirements for Stationary Diesel-
Fueled Internal Combustion and Other Compression Initial Engines. If there are permit questions
concerning the generator, they can be directed to Engineering and Compliance Staff at (909) 396-
2315.

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.

Sincerely,

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