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Proposed Addendum to the Certified Final Environmental Impact Report
(Addendum) for the Proposed Long Range Planning Project No. LR09-0024

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the
opportunity to comment on the addendum to the above-mentioned document. The
following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be
incorporated into the Addendum to the Certified Final Environmental Impact Report.

In the proposed Santa Margarita Area Annexation No. 2 (SMAA) proposal, the lead
agency proposes to annex approximately 4,510 acres from the unincorporated jurisdiction
of the County of Riverside into the incorporated jurisdiction of the City of Temecula.
Currently, this acreage has land-use designations by the County of Riverside that include
residential land uses located near the Escondido Freeway (15 Freeway), east of the
proposed annexation area. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has published
the "Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Health Perspective" (April
2005)[1] that recommends avoiding siting new sensitive land uses within 500 feet of a
freeway. SCAQMD staff recommends that the lead agency review the Handbook
guidelines when completing the housing element update and consider the
recommendations that apply to the siting of sensitive receptors.

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 – Inter-Governmental Review, at (909) 396-3302, if you have any questions
regarding these comments.

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[1] http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/landuse.htm

Sincerely,

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Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources

Attachment

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