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**Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) and
Addendum to Environmental Impact Report (EIR) 582 for the
Santa Ana River Flood Control Project Auxiliary Dike and Floodwall**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. SCAQMD staff recognizes that Draft Supplemental EA / EIR Addendum analyzes impacts associated with proposed modifications to the previously approved Prado Basin project.¹ Air quality impacts associated with the proposed modified project are lower than those described for the original project. Nonetheless, regional air quality impacts remain above thresholds for NO_x, PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5}.

In order to reduce emissions, the lead agency has indicated it will implement several measures, including compliance with SCAQMD rules and use of Tier 2 off-road construction equipment. SCAQMD staff recommends that the lead agency consider requiring more stringent emission controls (e.g., Tier 2+ engines, particulate traps) on all equipment used for this project or, at a minimum, providing incentives to construction contractors who apply to the SCAQMD "SOON" Program². The "SOON" program provides up to \$60 million dollars to accelerate clean up of off-road diesel vehicles, such as heavy duty construction equipment. Should you have any questions regarding these comments, feel free to contact me at (909) 396-3244.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian V. MacMillan".

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¹ Prado Basin and Vicinity, Including Reach 9 and Stabilization of the Bluff Toe at Norco Bluffs SEIS/EIR, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, 2001.

² <http://www.aqmd.gov/tao/Implementation/SOONProgram.htm>