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**Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Proposed
Del Oro Residential Project (“Proposed Project”)
(Tentative Tract Map No. 36852 and Plot Plan No. 2015-164)**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comment is meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final MND.

Insufficient Time for Review

The MND for the Proposed Project was released for a 20-day public review and comment period from May 24 to June 13, 2017¹. A public hearing to consider the adoption of the Final MND is scheduled on August 2, 2017². However, SCAQMD staff received the MND on July 25, 2017³. CEQA requires that the public review period for a proposed MND shall be no less than 20 days⁴. The Lead Agency should provide the MND for the Proposed Project to SCAQMD for review when it was released in order to allow SCAQMD staff the full 20-day review period⁵. As such, SCAQMD staff requests that the Lead Agency send SCAQMD a copy of future CEQA document upon its public release.

SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address any questions that may arise from this comment letter. Please contact Jack Cheng, Air Quality Specialist, CEQA IGR Section, at (909) 396-2448, if you have any questions regarding the enclosed comments.

Sincerely,

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Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources

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¹ City of Menifee Community Development Department. *Notice of Public Hearing and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration*.

² *Ibid*.

³ E-mail correspondence from SCAQMD staff (Mr. Jack Cheng) to the Lead Agency (Mr. Ryan Fowler) on July 25, 2017 to request the Initial Study/MND for review.

⁴ CEQA Guideline Section 15105.

⁵ CEQA Guideline Sections 15072 and 15073.