

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Mr. Eric Wu Chief of Groundwater Permitting Unit Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region 320 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90013

RE: Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) / Water Reclamation Requirements (WRRs) for Vista Canyon Water Factory – City of Santa Clarita (File No. 14-031, Order No. R4-2016-XXXX, CI-10041, Global ID WDR100016910)

Dear Mr. Wu:

The Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation (SCVEDC) strongly supports the issuance of the above referenced permits for the Vista Canyon project. The SCVEDC is comprised of regional, industry, and local government leaders whose mission is to attract, retain and expand business and industry in the Santa Clarita Valley.

As you know, recycled water is becoming an even more critical component in meeting future water demand within the State of California. The State Water Resources Control Board has adopted goals to increase the use of recycled water; this local source of water supply is drought-proof, reliable and minimizes carbon footprint. Santa Clarita Valley Water Agencies strongly support these goals and are working with public and private sectors to increase the use of recycled water in the SCV. This critical project will result in the first use of recycled water in eastern Santa Clarita Valley, initially on the Vista Canyon site, and in the future, in existing neighborhoods surrounding Vista Canyon.

In addition to the Vista Canyon Water Factory, the development will include a new multi-modal City of Santa Clarita Transit Station (including both a Metrolink Station and Bus Transfer Station) and up to 950,000 square feet of commercial floor area, the majority of which will be corporate and professional office space. Additionally, the Vista Canyon project will result in the creation of up to 4,000 permanent jobs in its Town Center!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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