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September 30, 2010

RE: UNIT AA RAW WATER PIPELINE PROJECT - COMMUNITY MITIGATION ISSUES

Dear Mr Briest,

At our August 17, 2010, meeting at the O.M.W.D. offices, we discussed community mitigation issues, including the possible funding and construction of community improvements. You suggested that we submit a list of potential projects related to the pipeline project that could be included in the construction contract. After considerable discussion, our list is as follows. We do not have accurate estimates of project costs at this time.

- **Fire Department Caution Light**
Elfin Forest Road is a hilly, winding road with restricted forward visibility in many places. The rise immediately west of the Elfin Forest Fire Station is one of these places. Vehicles frequently exceed the posted 50 mph speed limit in this area, resulting in danger to Fire Department vehicles exiting the station to the east. The Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Fire Department (EFHGFD) requests funding and construction assistance with the installation of demand/caution safety lights on the eastbound and westbound approaches to the fire station along Elfin Forest Road. Financial assistance of \$100,000 is requested of the OMWD, however the EFHGFD will make every attempt to have said materials donated or sold at reduced pricing to facilitate this project. EFHGFD is also requesting that their project be included as an integral part of the OMWD's construction permit to minimize project delay.
- **Gate at Via Ambiente**
The open gate on Via Ambiente at Harmony Grove Road that leads to the O.M.W.D. treatment plant has allowed many trespassers in vehicles onto properties east of the Escondido Creek. Some of these trespassers have started small fires or committed other violations of law. Repairing the gate and making it secure would prevent such unauthorized vehicle access.
- **In-Road Conduit for Future Underground Utilities**
The inclusion of conduit in the roadway during pipeline construction for future undergrounding of SDG&E and AT&T utility lines would benefit the community immensely as the road would not have to be dug up again to complete such a project. Optimally there would be access at each intersection or as required by the utilities to complete such future work.
- **Gate system on Fortuna Del Este, and Seaquest Trails**
The traffic restrictions on Elfin Forest Road due to the proposed pipeline construction project are likely to result in traffic diversion onto the privately owned and maintained roads in the area,

particularly Fortuna Del Sur and Fortuna Del Este. A gate project, which several groups of residents have been working on, would prevent this diversion and the resulting substantial additional wear and tear on the private roads. The gate system would also protect several hundred acres of O.M.W.D. protected open space mitigation land from dumping, fire risk and off-roading activities, which would reduce maintenance costs to the district. Several residents have written letters of support, which are attached.

- Trail Improvement

Trail access is a high priority with many area residents. Assistance with clearing and fencing trails on public property or on easements providing public access, such as along the west end of Elfin Forest Rd towards San Elijo Hills, would greatly improve the current trail system.

We appreciate your willingness to assist our community in exchange for the extreme inconvenience, noise and traffic of the proposed pipeline project. Please contact me at 760.744.7090 or mfallon1@att.net if you have questions or concerns about these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melanie Fallon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melanie Fallon, Chair
Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council