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CEQA Lead Agency Letter



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David Mayer
Environmental Program Manager I
Department of Fish and Wildlife
South Coast Region
3883 Ruffin Road
San Diego, CA 92123

Re: Restoration in Big Canyon – CEQA Lead for Phase 3

Dear Mr. Mayer:

Per your request, the City of Newport Beach (City) is happy to assist the Department of Fish and Wildlife on the Big Canyon Phase 3 project and agrees to serve as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), overseeing the preparation of environmental documents for the restoration project. Makana Nova, senior planner, has previously teamed on earlier phases of the Big Canyon Restoration project, and has been assigned to supervise the preparation of the Phase 3 CEQA documents. Please have your staff directly coordinate with her at 949-644-3249.

I look forward to successful implementation of this important project!

Sincerely,

Grace K. Leung
City Manager

cc: Seimone Jurjis, Community Development Department Director
James Campbell, Community Development Department Deputy Director
(Planning Division)
David Webb, Public Works Director
Heather Cieslak, Newport Bay Conservancy Operations Director