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In reply refer to:
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Ms. Martha Blake
Associate Planner
City of San Diego Development Services Center
1222 First Ave., MS 501
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Ms. Blake:

**SUBJECT: University City Transportation Corridor EIR, Project #27445,
SCH#2004031011**

By letter dated February 28, 2005 the Regional Board submitted extensive and detailed comments on the Draft EIR (as modified by errata). In that letter we expressed our concern that, "the Draft EIR fails to provide sufficient information to support the conclusion that the project will not have a significant effect on water quality and beneficial uses." The responses to our comments and the Final EIR do not describe the project in sufficient detail, answer our questions, or alleviate our concerns. We urge the City not to certify this EIR until these shortcomings are corrected.

It appears from the Final EIR that the project has the potential to cause significant unmitigable impacts. This is likely to greatly complicate issuance of Clean Water Act Section 401 certification by the Regional Board.

Comments regarding this letter should be forwarded to Ms. Chiara Clemente at (858) 467-2359 or cclemente@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondence should be sent to the address above.

Respectfully,


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Executive Officer

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