



October 12, 2015

Christopher Calfee, Senior Counsel
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Preliminary Discussion Draft of Changes to the CEQA Guidelines

Dear Mr. Calfee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and suggestions regarding your efforts to amend the CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines. This letter specifically responds to the report titled "Preliminary Discussion Draft of Changes to the CEQA Guidelines" written by the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) dated August 11, 2015 (hereafter called the "Draft").

The Draft includes proposed change to the Appendix G including, but not limited to, the consolidation of analysis subject areas under a new category titled *Open Space, Managed Resources and Working Landscapes* section, which includes analysis of wetland areas and water bodies. The City requests clear direction from OPR within the CEQA Guidelines as to responding to the new Appendix G category while not duplicating analysis that would be addressed within the *Biological Resources* section.

The City may have additional remarks once the draft guidelines are distributed for review, and prior to guideline adoption. The City requests notification when the draft is updated to address all public comments, and prior to adoption of the updated CEQA guidelines. Please feel free to contact Susan Vandrew Rodriguez in the Planning Division at (760) 744-1050 extension 3237 or svandrew@san-marcos.net to discuss our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. Vandrew', is written in black ink.

Susan Vandrew Rodriguez
Associate Planner

cc: Matt Little, Development Services Director
Karen Brindley, Planning Manager