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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

January 19, 2023

Lesley Hill
Environmental Mitigation Program Project Manager
Orange County Transportation Authority
550 S. Main Street
Orange, CA 92868

SUBJECT: FAIRVIEW PARK WETLAND AND RIPARIAN HABITAT PROJECT

Dear Ms. Hill,

Over the preceding months, City staff have been coordinating with your office and the wildlife agencies to prepare and submit project status documents and monitor the ongoing performance of the restoration project. We appreciate your ongoing guidance and collaboration with City staff in our ongoing effort to fulfill commitments of the agreement, and in particular in ensuring conformance with the restoration objectives defined in the restoration plan. As staff from the City and OCTA have recently recognized in investigating the status of project implementation relative to the original agreement, there are discrepancies between the areal extent of land available for habitat restoration within the restoration plan, and the acreage commitments defined in the restoration strategy section of the agreement.

OCTA staff has recently requested that the City submit a written letter confirming its intent to fulfill the restoration requirements stated within the project agreement. Although the specific actions necessary to fulfill the habitat restoration obligations will require subsequent City Council review and approval, City staff fully intend to continue working with OCTA and the wildlife agencies to come to a resolution that fulfills our shared objectives in this matter, including those in the approved restoration plan.

Thank you again for your continued support and collaboration in this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Ann Farrell Harrison".

Lori Ann Farrell Harrison
City Manager

Cc: Jason Minter, Parks and Community Services Director
Raja Sethuraman, Public Works Director
Kelly Dalton, Fairview Park Administrator