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August 31, 2016

Deanna Elliano  
City of Hemet  
455 East Florida Avenue  
Hemet, CA 92543

**RE: SPA 15-001 – RANCHO DIAMANTE**

Dear Ms. Elliano:

Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District appreciates you contacting us regarding the above referenced project to provide comments regarding the Draft Environmental Report (DEIR). As we all know, a DEIR may not typically be detailed in terms of park and landscape details, we feel it important to identify items of importance early on.

Below are Valley-Wide's recommended comments for the proposed project:

1. Developer is required to annex into Valley-Wide's jurisdiction and into a specified CFD for continued public park and parkway landscape maintenance.
2. The project, as proposed based on 635 dwelling units will be required to dedicate and construct 9.9 acres of active operable park land. Park requirements are five (5) acres of active parkland for every 1,000 population.
3. Any open space areas that are not providing active park amenities will not be counted towards park land credit. Private homeowner maintained parks will also not be counted towards park land credit.
4. Linear parks that cannot effectively offer active park recreation may not be considered for park land credit.
5. Typical prototype park design per Valley-Wide park standards must be implemented including but not limited to, ball fields, soccer fields, restrooms, shade shelters, tot-lots, basketball courts, park benches and tables and other amenities as described in our landscape standards and specifications.
6. In lieu of paying park fees, the developer will be required to build a park(s) to Valley-Wide standards.

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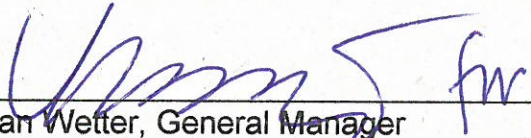
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7. To the extent of feasibility, project must be irrigated with recycled water and all landscape shall be subject to current local and state design requirements related to water restrictions at the time of design.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (951) 654-1505.

Sincerely,

  
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Dean Wetter, General Manager  
Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District