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Subject: Results of a Habitat Assessment and Visual Survey for the Mohave Ground Squirrel for the Palmdale Logistics Park Project in the City of Palmdale, Los Angeles County, California

Dear Ms. Anderson:

This Letter Report summarizes the results of a habitat assessment and visual survey for the Mohave ground squirrel (MGS) (*Xerospermophilus mohavensis*) for the Palmdale Logistics Park Project located in the City of Palmdale, Los Angeles County, California (Exhibit 1). The survey was conducted by qualified Biologist Phil Brylski, PhD, on March 20, 2022, in accordance with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW's) 2010 Mohave Ground Squirrel Survey Guidelines. During the survey, the site was assessed for the potential to support MGS. The Biologist also surveyed the site listening and visually scanning for MGS individuals as the survey was conducted during the time of year they are most active above ground. The focused survey report prepared by Mr. Brylski, which contains additional details, can be found in Attachment A.

No MGS were detected during the survey. A portion of the site contains potentially suitable MGS habitat—those areas outside of the disturbed areas with low shrub cover identified in Figure 3 in Attachment A. Trapping surveys were recommended by the qualified Biologist as the site does contain potentially suitable habitat and occurs within the species' historical range.

Sincerely,

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Exhibits: Exhibit 1– Regional Location and Local Vicinity
Attachment A – MGS Visual Survey and Habitat Assessment Memorandum

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ATTACHMENT A

MGS VISUAL SURVEY AND HABITAT ASSESSMENT MEMORANDUM