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Mr. David Hughes BonTerra Consulting 225 South Lake Avenue, Suite 1000 Pasadena, CA 91101

APPROVAL OF MITIGATION FOR PLUM CANYON CONDITIONAL WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION (File No. 02-063)

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Thank you for your letter of June 3, 2011, which provided a report regarding the fulfillment of the required mitigation associated with the Plum Canyon Section 401 Water Quality Certification (File No. 02-063). Documentation was provided for the dedication agreement and deed with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for 120 acres in Acton, California. For this project specifically, 36.2 acres deeded to the MRCA within this larger 120-acre parcel will fulfill requirements in the Certification. The remaining area can be utilized for future mitigation projects.

In addition, an additional 0.05 acres of impact within an ephemeral drainage was noted in the northwest portion of the site after grading occurred. Due to the addition of this impact area, an additional 2.0 acres of mitigation will be provided from the Acton MRCA mitigation area. Therefore, the total mitigation area for this project will be 38.2 acres.

The Regional Board approves the Final Mitigation for the Plum Canyon Development, as all conditions related to mitigation in the 401 Water Quality Certification have been met. Should you have questions concerning this Certification action, please contact Valerie Carrillo, Lead, Section 401 Program, at (213) 576-6759.

Sincerely,

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