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Regulatory Services



March 14, 2005

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Subject: Fairview Park Coastal Sage Scrub Restoration and Monitoring Plan Proposed by Headlands Reserve, City of Costa Mesa, Orange County, California: Consistency with Fairview Park Master Plan Plant Palette.

Dear Mr. Morris:

In response to comments from the City of Costa Mesa pertaining to the Coastal Sage Scrub Restoration and Monitoring Plan Proposed by Headlands Reserve for Fairview Park, we have reviewed the plant palettes within the Fairview Park Master Plan (Master Plan), and have compared them to the plant palettes proposed as part of the Restoration and Monitoring Plan. All of the species within the Restoration and Monitoring Plan are listed within the Fairview Park Master Plan coastal bluff scrub plant palette, with the exception of Emory baccharis (*Baccharis emoryi*) and California croton (*Croton californica*), which are included in the Master Plan plant palette for the "alluvial plain" area which is where the proposed habitat restoration program is to be implemented. Also, please note that the California croton has been observed on or near the proposed mitigation site and Emory baccharis currently occurs in the adjacent Talbert Nature Preserve, where conditions very similar to the proposed restoration site occur. As both the California croton and Emory baccharis are components of a functioning coastal sage scrub vegetation community and are otherwise well-suited to the proposed restoration site, we recommend inclusion in the proposed restoration plan. Finally, and of note, GLA detected coastal California gnatcatchers in the adjacent Talbert Nature Preserve, making the proposed restoration in Fairview Park all the more important for this species within this area of coastal Orange County.

In an effort to further promote consistency between the two plans, we would like to further increase the potential diversity within the proposed mitigation site by including additional species from the Fairview Park Master Plan plant palette in the seed mix. Species to be added include California everlasting (*Gnaphalium californicum*), coastal goldfields (*Lasthenia californica*) and California wishbone bush (*Mirabilis californica*). The additional species shall be incorporated into the seed mix palette and resubmitted to the City of Costa Mesa prior to March

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18, 2005 so that the change can be included in the Council report for the April 5, 2005 City Council Meeting.

If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact me or Tony Bomkamp at (949) 837-0404.

Sincerely,

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