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CERRITOS  
GENERAL PLAN & EIR

Appendix F  
Correspondence





LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



CERRITOS STATION

FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

TO:

(NAME) Ms. Starla Hack (DATE) November 14, 2002

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

County of Los Angeles  
Sheriff's Department Headquarters  
4700 Ramona Boulevard  
Monterey Park, California 91754-2159



November 13, 2002

Ms. Starla Hack  
Environmental Analyst  
RBF Consulting  
Irvine, California 92619-7057

Dear Ms. Hack:

As you requested, please find the attached response to your police service questionnaire. I hope the information contained assists in preparing the Environmental Impact Report for the City of Cerritos General Plan Update.

If you have any questions regarding our information, please contact me at (562) 860-0044.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

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Ted S. Siara, Captain  
Cerritos Station

**POLICE SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE  
CERRITOS GENERAL PLAN UPDATE  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

1. Please indicate the location of the police or sheriff stations that serve the City of Cerritos?

- *18135 South Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos 90703 (in the Cerritos Civic Center)*

2. What are the number and types of personnel in this Department that are available to provide police protection services to the City Cerritos?

- *Sworn Staff currently totals: 64*
- *10 Reserve Deputy Sheriffs*
- *Professional Staff currently totals: 20*
- *Station Volunteers on Patrol: approximately 47*

3. What is the average response time to areas within the City of Cerritos?

- *Emergency Calls: 4 minutes*
- *Priority Calls: 7 minutes*
- *Routine Calls: 18 minutes*

4. Is the current level of police protection service provided adequate for the City? If the protection levels are not adequate, what would be required to provide an adequate level of service for the community (number and types of personnel or personnel hours, and resources required)?

- *Current levels are adequate.*

5. Have the needs for police protection services increased, decreased or remained the same during recent years? If there have been changes, please provide information about those changes, including: changes in type of service request, amount of change in service needs, known causes of changes, and timeframe in which these changes occurred. (For example, have there been significant increases/decreases in drug-related investigation, violent crime, burglary or other types of crimes.)

- *Needs for more protection services have increased over the last several years.*
- *Although almost all Part I crimes in the city have decrementally decreased over the last five years, Forgery/Fraud theft and identity theft crimes have shown a significant rise in the City and nationally. However, the city contracted for an additional investigator to meet this need.*

6. Please explain how the Department determines the increase in services required for the City.

- *Services needed are determined by increases in calls for service, sustained rises in crimes reported, and other issues directly related to community safety and the overall quality of life.*

7. What special community service community service programs do you offer?

- *The Department works closely with the City Community Mobilization Officer in managing the Volunteers on Patrol and Neighborhood Watch programs.*
- *The station collaborates with the City and the ABC Unified School District to provide a Community Academy for Young Adults, which provides high school credit and an inside look into the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, city government, and their role in supplying public safety.*
- *The station also has an Explorer Post that exposes young adults to law enforcement as a career choice.*
- *The Department provides a trained and skilled deputy to administer the city's Intercepting Minors with Positive Attention Care and Training (IMPACT) program. This is a program directed at children from kindergarten through eighth grade who display at-risk behavior. The deputy mentors the at-risk children to turn negative behavior toward positive activity.*

10. Is there any other relevant information regarding significant General Plan impacts?

- *None at this time.*

11. Do you anticipate that buildout of the General Plan would result in the need for physical additions to your agency (i.e., construction of new police stations)?

- *No.*



September 10, 2002

JN 10-100483

Attn: Operations  
**Cerritos Sheriff's Station**  
18135 Bloomfield Avenue  
Cerritos, California 90703

**Subject: Cerritos General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report**

Attention Operations:

RBF Consulting is in the process of preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Cerritos General Plan Update. We are seeking a response from your agency to be incorporated into the EIR with regard to the adequacy of service provided by your agency.

Attachment A, Project Information Packet, provides a discussion of both the General Plan Update and EIR, including the major components of both documents. Please refer to Attachment A for detailed descriptions of both.

The General Plan is to be used as a guide for the City's future growth and each element addresses the City's philosophy and approach toward that particular component of City development. The General Plan estimates the maximum level of development within the City that can possibly occur; therefore, the EIR analyzes potential environmental impacts of the maximum level of development scenario to avoid underestimation of long-term impacts. The maximum level of development results from construction of greatest square footage and number of dwelling units for residential and non-residential land uses, respectively. The maximum development scenario causes the largest possible population to inhabit the City at buildout.

The EIR will be prepared as a Program EIR in accordance with Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines. The focus of the analysis will be to consider the buildout scenario of development and public improvements in order to create a "tiering" master document in accordance with Section 15152 of the CEQA Guidelines. In order to achieve the level of documentation, the questions contained in Appendix G (Initial Study Checklist) of the CEQA Guidelines will be utilized to evaluate each environmental issue that will be studied in the Program EIR.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance and cooperation in providing the requested information to our attached questionnaire, which identifies the relevant issues to be discussed in the EIR. Please provide your written response on agency letterhead. In order for the consultant team to meet the scheduled completion date for the EIR, we would appreciate your written response by **September 25, 2002**. For your convenience, you may also FAX your response to 949/837-4122. Please note that this environmental questionnaire is not a request for service but simply an inquiry for potential impacts on services, utilities and related environmental impacts.

Attn: Operations  
September 10, 2002  
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If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 949/855-5771 or Collette Morse, AICP, EIR Project Manager at 949/855-3653. Again, thank you for your cooperation.

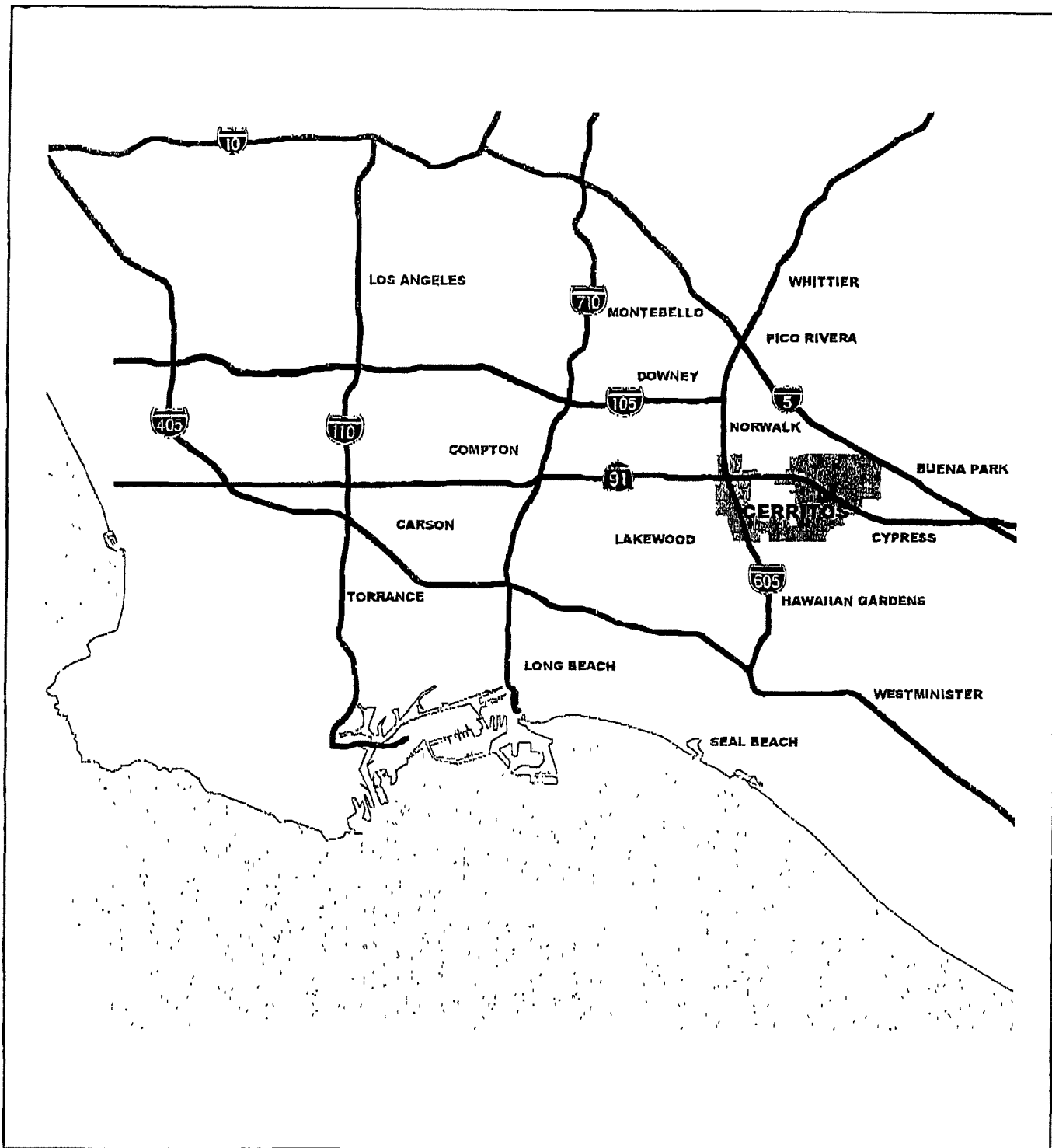
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Starla Hack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Starla" and the last name "Hack" clearly legible.

Starla Hack  
Environmental Analyst

Attachments:

Regional Location Map  
Project Information Packet  
Questionnaire



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### Regional Location Map



**POLICE SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE  
CERRITOS GENERAL PLAN UPDATE  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Please respond to the following questions on your agency letterhead.

1. Please indicate the location of the police or sheriff stations that serve the City of Cerritos.
  
2. What are the number and types of personnel in this Department that are available to provide police protection services to the City of Cerritos?
  
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4. Is the current level of police protection service provided adequate for the City? If the protection levels are not adequate, what would be required to provide an adequate level of service for the community (number and types of personnel or personnel hours, and resources required)?
  
5. Have the needs for police protection services increased, decreased or remained the same during recent years? If there have been changes, please provide information about those changes, including: changes in type of service request, amount of change in service needs, known causes of changes, and timeframe in which these changes occurred. (For example, have there been significant increases/decreases in drug-related investigation, violent crime, burglary or other types of crimes.)



## PROJECT INFORMATION PACKET

### I. REGIONAL LOCATION

The City of Cerritos is located in the center of the Los Angeles Basin bordering Los Angeles County and Orange County. The City is bisected by Artesia and is bordered by Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, La Mirada, Buena Park, La Palma, Lakewood and Bellflower. Regional access is provided by three major freeways including: the Artesia Freeway (SR-91), which runs east-west traversing the northern and central portions of the City; the San Gabriel Freeway (I-605), which travels north-south along the western edge of the City, and the Santa Ana Freeway (I-5), which provides for diagonal northwest to southeast travel. Refer to Exhibit 1, *Regional Location*.

### II. INTRODUCTION

The Cerritos General Plan Update involves a process of revising the City's existing 1988 General Plan.

The City's existing General Plan consists of the following State mandated and optional elements:

- Land Use Element;
- Circulation Element;
- Housing Element;
- Commercial and Industrial Element;
- Conservation Element;
- Open Space and Recreation Element;
- Seismic Safety Element;
- Noise Element;
- Scenic Highway Element;
- Safety Element;
- Public Services and Facilities Element;
- Public Building Element;
- Community Design Element; and
- Redevelopment Element.

The City recently updated its Housing Element, which included a separate hearing process as well as a separate environmental document for the Housing Element. The Housing Element and the associated environmental document were adopted by the City Council in February 2002.

### III. 2001 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The General Plan Update is a comprehensive update of the 1988 General Plan. The update includes a reorganization of the General Plan into the following elements: Land Use, Community Design, Circulation, Housing, Safety, Conservation, Open Space/Recreation, Air Quality, Noise and Growth Management.

Major components of the General Plan Update include:

1. Update of existing conditions, with year 2001 serving as the baseline year.
2. Update of General Plan development projections to the year 2020. Projections for population, employment, residential and non-residential development have been updated for the year 2020.

3. Update of the Land Use Element, including:
  - a. Establishment of building intensities for all non-residential (commercial, industrial and institutional) land use categories.
4. Addition of a Community Design Element.
5. Addition of a Growth Management Element.
6. Establishment of planning factors upon which to develop new goals and policies.
7. Additions, deletions or modifications to the 1988 General Plan goals and policies.
8. Amendment of the remaining General Plan Elements to reflect items 1, 2, 4 and 5, above.

#### IV. EIR PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Draft Program EIR shall evaluate potential environmental impacts resulting from the following revisions to the City's General Plan, including but not limited to:

- Update of the City's land use database.
- Update of the City's traffic model.
- Revision to the General Plan noise and air quality databases upon the new traffic model runs.
- Revisions to maps, figures, text, charts and tables to reflect updated data/information.
- Deletion of redundant and/or completed goals, policies or programs.
- Addition of new goals and policies based upon the new planning factors established for the General Plan Update.

The Cerritos General Plan was last comprehensively updated in 1988. The General Plan Update supersedes the 1988 General Plan and is based upon the community's vision for Cerritos and expresses the community's long-term goals. The current update includes revisions to the Land Use, Community Design, Circulation, Housing, Safety, Conservation, Open Space/Recreation, Air Quality, Noise and Growth Management Elements.

#### Projected Land Use Growth

The City of Cerritos is approximately 99 percent built out, and as such, the General Plan Update will focus on preserving residential neighborhoods, guiding the remaining development and redevelopment opportunities and encouraging the revitalization of selected areas. There were approximately 27 acres of vacant land and approximately 46 acres of underutilized land in the City. Development conditions are anticipated to result in following scenario in 2020:

- 15,871 dwelling units;
- 390,246 square feet of office-professional commercial;
- 2,418,241 square feet of community commercial;
- 6,845,751 square feet of regional commercial;
- 643,230 square feet of industrial/commercial;
- 11,778,472 square feet of light industrial;
- 355,994 square feet of educational use;
- 137,666 square feet for public and quasi-public uses; and
- 224,385 square feet of uses throughout the City in various other land use categories.

Collectively, these numbers represent a total of 15,871 dwelling units and 22,793,985 square feet of non-residential development. A population of 62,203 is anticipated in 2020.

In addition to the General Plan 2020 estimates, the City has developed estimates for growth over existing conditions. The anticipated growth in residential, commercial, and industrial uses over year 2001 conditions is:

## Cerritos General Plan Update EIR

## Attachment A

- 179 dwelling units; and
- 427,763 square feet of non-residential development.

Refer to Table 1, which provides a summary of August 2001 development by General Plan land use categories, projected additional residential development in 2020 and projected additional non-residential development in 2020.

**Table 1**  
**General Plan Land Use in 2020**

<b>Land Use Designation</b>	<b>2001 Acres</b>	<b>2001 DU/SF</b>	<b>2020 Acres</b>	<b>2020 DU/SF</b>
Low Density Residential	1880.25	13,023 DU 139,810 SF	1,882.13	13,052 DU 139,810 SF
Medium Density Residential	208.82	2,596 DU	208.82	2,596 DU
Office-Professional Commercial	14.18	241,053 SF	15.55	390,246 DU
Community Commercial	100.88	1,517,878 SF	104.74	2,418,241 SF
Regional Commercial	380.93	72 DU 6,179,283 SF	387.05	72 DU 6,845,751 SF
Industrial/Commercial	28.83	536,076 SF	28.83	643,230 SF
Light Industrial	697.85	11,343,771 SF	709.91	11,778,472 SF
Educational	403.49	186,100 SF	403.49	150 DU 355,994 SF
Public/Quasi-Public	21.80	137,666 SF	21.80	137,666 SF
Parks and Open Space	278.37	42,975 SF	279.70	42,975 SF
Utility and Flood Control Right-of-Way	243.36	41,600 SF	243.36	41,600 SF
Railroad Right-of-Way	43.75		43.75	
Misc. Road Right-of-Way/Private Roads	28.42		28.42	
Vacant	26.62		0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,357.55</b>	<b>15,692 DU</b> <b>20,366,222 SF</b>	<b>4,357.55</b>	<b>15,871 DU</b> <b>22,793,985 SF</b>
2020 Increases				+179 DU +427,763 SF



Starla Hack, Environmental Analyst  
October 31, 2002  
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The Fire Department's allocation of resources—stations, equipment, and staffing—is based on population, development, assessed valuation, incident volume and type, and response distances/times.

Fire protection serving the area appears to be adequate for the existing development/land use; however, each additional development creates greater demands on existing resources. Consequently, the impact that this project will have on the adequacy of the Fire Department's level of service remains uncertain.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT UNIT:**

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Land Development Unit appreciates the opportunity to comment on this project.

This project does not propose construction of structures or any other improvements at this time. Therefore, until actual construction is proposed the project will not have a significant impact to the Fire Department, Land Development Unit.

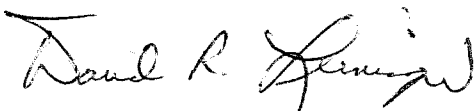
Should any questions arise regarding subdivision, water systems, or access please contact Inspector J. Scott Greenelsh at (323) 890-4235.

**FORESTRY DIVISION:**

The statutory responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division include erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones or Fire Zone 4, archeological and cultural resources and the County Oak Tree Ordinance. Potential impacts in these areas should be addressed in the Environmental Impact Report.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (323) 890-4330.

Very truly yours,



DAVID R. LEININGER, CHIEF, FORESTRY DIVISION  
PREVENTION BUREAU

DRL:lc



# *ABC Unified School District*

16700 Norwalk Boulevard, Cerritos, CA 90703 (562) 926-5566

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**Dr. Ronald Barnes**

**FAX NUMBER: (562) 404-1092**

## **FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET**

**DATE:** October 17, 2002

**TO:** Starla Hack, RBF Consulting

**FAX #:** 949.837.4122

**FROM:** Feliza Dixon, Superintendent's Office

**MESSAGE:** Information per your request.

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**PLEASE CALL FELIZA DIXON AT (562) 926-5566 EXT. 21163  
IF TRANSMISSION IS INCOMPLETE.**



**SCHOOL FACILITIES QUESTIONNAIRE  
CERRITOS GENERAL PLAN UPDATE  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Please respond to the following questions on your agency letterhead and provide maps to illustrate facility locations.

1. Please list the name and address of all elementary, junior high and high schools that the District is responsible for in the City of Cerritos.

See attachment #1

2. What are the exiting attendance levels and current capacities at each facility?

See attachment #2

3. Does the District currently use portable or temporary classrooms at any of the school sites? If so, identify the school and number of portable facilities.

See attachment #3

4. What are the average student generation rates per dwelling unit at each school level? Will new facilities be required?

.60 (enrollment/revenue limit - 9404/15692)

No new facilities will be required.

5. Are fees assessed against new developments for school - related services? If so, in which amount?

Fees are assessed on the current fee schedule:

.31 cents for commercial

\$1.93 for residential

6. Are there any new schools planned in the City?

No new public schools in the City of Cerritos are planned by the ABC Unified School District.

7. What issues are important to the District? If you have any particular concerns about the ability of the District to continue to provide adequate levels of educational services, what do you recommend to alleviate these concerns?

see attachment #4

8. Do you anticipate that buildout of the General Plan would result in the need for physical additions to your agency (i.e., construction of new school facilities)?

If the buildout anticipated in the General Plan results in higher population density, the District will have to consider the construction of new school facilities, transporting students from the over-enrolled schools to under-enrolled schools, and the replacement of portable buildings intended for temporary use.

ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL DIRECTORY  
2001-02

ATTACHMENT #1

<u>ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS</u>	
<p>Aloha Elementary School Janna Armbruster, Principal 11737 E. 214th Street Lakewood 90715 (562) 924-8329, FAX 809-3297</p>	<p>✧ Gonsalves Elementary School LuAnn Adler, Principal 13650 Park Street Cerritos 90703 (562) 926-1347, FAX 802-0483</p>
<p>✧ Bragg Elementary School Warren White, Principal 11501 Bos Street Cerritos 90703 (562) 860-5580, FAX 402-2580</p>	<p>Hawaiian Elementary School Wade Austin, Principal 12350 E. 226th Street Hawaiian Gardens 90716 (562) 594-9525, FAX 431-9547</p>
<p>Burbank Elementary School Cheryl Bodger, Principal 17711 Roseton Artesia 90701 (562) 865-6215, FAX 402-9856</p>	<p>✧ Juarez Elementary School Laurie Cordova, Principal 11939 Aclare Street Cerritos 90703 (562) 865-6278, FAX 809-3093</p>
<p>✧ Carver Elementary School Lynda Brown, Principal 19200 Ely Street Cerritos 90703 (562) 865-1257, FAX 402-8678</p>	<p>Kennedy Elementary School Dennis Wilson, Principal 17500 Belshire Artesia 90701 (562) 860-3378, FAX 402-9851</p>
<p>✧ Cerritos Elementary School Beverly Spicer, Principal 13600 E. 183rd Street Cerritos 90703 (562) 926-1315, FAX 404-4635</p>	<p>✧ Leal Elementary School Glenda Wycoff, Principal 12920 Droxford Street Cerritos 90703 (562) 865-0209, FAX 402-5950</p>
<p>Elliott Elementary School Valencia Mayfield, Principal 18415 Cortner Artesia 90701 (562) 865-5216, FAX 924-8216</p>	<p>Melbourne Elementary School Kathy Neder-Olivos, Principal 21314 Claretta Lakewood 90715 (562) 924-1658, FAX 402-2764</p>
<p>Ferguson Elementary School Linda Dohm, Principal 22215 Elaine Hawaiian Gardens 90716 (562) 421-8285, FAX 421-5345</p>	<p>Niemes Elementary School Bev James, Principal 16715 S. Jersey Avenue Artesia 90701 (562) 865-9586, FAX 402-8927</p>

ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (Cont.)

\* Nixon Elementary School  
 Sydney Pringle, Principal  
 19600 Jacob Avenue  
 Cerritos, 90703  
 (562) 860-6549, FAX 865-1249

Palms Elementary School  
 Craig Peck, Principal  
 12445 E. 207th Street  
 Lakewood, 90715  
 (562) 924-5549, FAX 924-9439

\* Stowers Elementary School  
 Michael McCoy, Principal  
 13350 Beach Street  
 Cerritos 90703  
 (562) 926-2326, FAX 404-9017

Willow Elementary School  
 Debbie Berlyn, Principal  
 11733 E. 205th Street  
 Lakewood 90715  
 (562) 865-6209, FAX 402-9837

\* Wittmann Elementary School  
 Rebecca Caudillo, Principal  
 16801 Yvette  
 Cerritos, 90703  
 (562) 926-1321, FAX 921-3940

\* MIDDLE SCHOOLS  
 Carmenita Middle School  
 Jeff Green, Principal  
 13435 E. 166th Street  
 Cerritos, 90703  
 (562) 926-4405, FAX 404-7807

Ross Middle School  
 Linda Garza, Principal  
 17707 S. Elaine  
 Artesia, 90703  
 (562) 924-8331, FAX 402-6145

Fedde Middle School  
 Paul Gonzales, Principal  
 21409 S. Elaine  
 Hawaiian Gardens, 90716  
 (562) 924-2309, FAX 809-6895

\* Haskell Middle School  
 Susan Hixon, Principal  
 11525 Del Amo Blvd.  
 Cerritos, CA 90703  
 (562) 860-6529, FAX 809-7250

\* Tetzlaff Middle School  
 Colin Sprigg, Principal  
 12351 Del Amo Boulevard  
 Cerritos, 90703  
 (562) 865-9539, FAX 402-6412

HIGH SCHOOLS

Artesia High School  
 Laura Rogers, Principal  
 12108 E. Del Amo Boulevard  
 Lakewood 90715  
 926-5566 ext. 21601 FAX (562) 809-5604  
 Attendance: 21669

\* Cerritos High School  
 John Slatinsky, Principal  
 12500 E. 183rd Street  
 Cerritos, 90703  
 (562) 926-5566 ext. 21801 FAX (562) 924-3187  
 Attendance: ext. 21810

\* Gahr High School  
 George Kambeitz, Principal  
 11111 Artesia Boulevard  
 Cerritos, 90703  
 926-5566 ext. 22001 FAX (562) 924-8136  
 Attendance: ext. 22012

\* Tracy High School  
 Tom Drulias, Principal  
 12222 Cuesta Drive  
 Cerritos, 90703  
 (562) 926-7136 FAX (562) 926-8740

\* Whitney High School  
 Tom Brock, Co-Principal  
 Patricia Hager, Co-Principal  
 16800 Shoemaker Avenue  
 Cerritos, 90703  
 (562) 926-5566 ext. 22300 FAX (562) 926-2751

\* ~~ABC Adult School~~  
 Augie Jaramillo, Principal  
 12254 Cuesta Dr., Cerritos, 90703  
 (562) 926-5566 ext. 25011 FAX (562) 921-9958

## 2. What are the existing attendance levels and current capacities at each facility?

ES = Elementary School  
 MS = Middle School  
 HS = High School

<u>School</u>	<u>Current Enrollment</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
Bragg ES	672	674
Carver ES	493	493
Cerritos ES	577	584
Gonsalves ES	566	558
Juarez ES	490	491
Leal ES	664	688
Nixon ES	689	682
Stowers ES	591	588
Wittmann ES	526	539
Carmenita MS	695	679
Haskell MS	602	595
Tetzlaff MS	680	644
Cerritos HS	2251	2248
Gahr HS	1884	1873
Tracy HS	300	300
Whitney HS	1000	1000

Number of Portable Buildings the District has in the  
City of Cerritos

ATTACHMENT # 3

Elementary Schools	Number of Portable Buildings		
	Permanent	Temporary	TOTAL
Bragg	2	0	2
Carver	4	0	4
Cerritos	2	0	2
Gonsalves	1	0	1
Juarez	0	2	2
Leal	8	2	10
Nixon	7	0	7
Stowers	1	0	1
Wittmann	1	0	1
<b>Middle Schools</b>			
Carmenita	0	0	0
Haskell	0	0	0
Tetzlaff	0	0	0
<b>High Schools</b>			
Cerritos	5	8	13
Gahr	4	0	4
Tracy	6	0	6
Whitney	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>54</b>

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One of the Five District Goals identified in the Strategic Planning Process for the ABC Unified School District is MODERN SCHOOL FACILITIES. The anticipated buildout described in the revised General Plan for the City of Cerritos is cause for concern insomuch the general and deferred maintenance requirements of ABC School District facilities represent significant budgetary commitments. Many of the permanent buildings in the school district are over 50 years old. Several portable buildings intended for temporary usage continue to house students. In addition, the following items may require assistance from local governmental agencies if the District is expected to continue to provide adequate levels of educational services:

- Replacement of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Units
- Replacement of Sprinkler Systems
- Re-roofing & Repainting Buildings and Classrooms
- Landscape Trimming and Replacement
- Asphalt Replacement
- Replacement of Playground Equipment
- Repair & Replacement of Playgrounds
- Repair & Replacement of Gymnasiums, Stadiums, and Tracks

I recommend direct assistance from local governmental agencies to alleviate these concerns.

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OCT 16 2002  
RBF CONSULTING

October 15, 2002

Starla Hack  
Environmental Analyst  
RBF Consulting  
14725 Alton Parkway  
Irvine, CA 92618-2027

**Subject: Cerritos General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report**

Ms. Hack:

Please find the information your letter of September 10, 2002 requested from Southern California Edison regarding the above subject as follows:

- (1). **Question:** Are the existing facilities adequate to service the City of Cerritos?  
**Answer:** Yes. Southern California Edison's system demand is expected to Continue to increase annually; however, excluding any unforeseen Problems, our plans for new resources indicate that our ability to serve all customers' loads in accordance with our rules and tariffs will be adequate during the term covered by this Environmental Impact Report.
  
- (2). **Question:** What are the average consumption rates for electrical usage based on the various land uses (including residential and non-residential) in the City?  
**Answer:** See attached history sheet.
  
- (3). **Question:** What is the average annual consumption for the City of Cerritos?  
**Answer:** See attached history sheet.
  
- (4). **Question:** Do any particular land uses adversely impact your organization's ability to provide an adequate level of service? Long Term service?  
**Answer:** No.



- (5). Question: Does your organization have any plans to update facilities or add additional facilities in the City?  
**Answer:** Yes. The Southern California Edison Company will update existing or add new facilities in the City based on specific requests for service from end users.
- (6). Question: If updates or additional facilities are required in the City, who would be financially responsible for providing these updates or additional facilities?  
**Answer:** The Southern California Edison Company or the end user requesting service, in accordance with our rules and tariffs, will bear financial responsibility for updates or additional facilities in the City.
- (7). Question: What issues associated with providing continuing and/or long term electric services to the City of Cerritos are important to your Company? If you have any particular concerns, what do you recommend to alleviate those concerns?  
**Answer:** Southern California Edison has no issues related to its Transmission and Distribution systems associated with providing continuing and/or long term electric service in the City of Cerritos.
- (8). Question: Is there any other relevant information regarding potential significant impacts of the General Plan?  
**Answer:** No.

Sincerely,

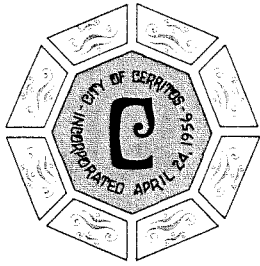


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Region Manager

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Billing Year/Month	Nonresidential kWh	Nonresidential # of Stmts	Nonresidential Average kWh	Residential kwh	Residential # of Stmts	Residential Average kWh
2001-07	26,152,037	2,165	12,079	9,448,889	15,780	599
2001-08	26,324,627	2,153	12,227	8,591,207	15,827	543
2001-09	26,987,065	2,152	12,540	9,074,611	15,842	573
2001-10	27,089,156	2,169	12,489	8,964,409	15,805	567
2001-11	25,307,698	2,161	11,711	7,847,751	15,768	498
2001-12	24,180,653	2,143	11,284	9,262,634	15,789	587
2002-01	23,389,658	2,182	10,719	8,969,072	15,775	569
2002-02	24,050,744	2,180	11,032	8,179,364	15,816	517
2002-03	24,275,672	2,189	11,090	8,084,973	15,790	512
2002-04	23,318,181	2,184	10,677	7,395,466	15,788	468
2002-05	24,146,509	2,192	11,016	7,342,762	15,785	465
2002-06	26,311,137	2,211	11,900	8,257,329	15,838	521
Total	301,533,137	26,081	11,561	101,418,467	189,603	535

Street Lights kwh	Street Lights # of StmtS	Street Lights Average kWh	Total kwh	Total # of StmtS	Total Average kWh
33,552	33	1,017	35,634,478	17,978	1,982
35,341	35	1,010	34,951,175	18,015	1,940
37,390	34	1,100	36,099,066	18,028	2,002
43,956	34	1,293	36,097,521	18,008	2,005
46,260	34	1,361	33,201,709	17,963	1,848
48,636	33	1,474	33,491,923	17,965	1,864
44,842	33	1,359	32,403,572	17,990	1,801
43,425	33	1,316	32,273,533	18,029	1,790
42,169	33	1,278	32,402,814	18,012	1,799
37,910	33	1,149	30,751,557	18,005	1,708
34,841	33	1,056	31,524,112	18,010	1,750
28,430	25	1,137	34,596,896	18,074	1,914
476,752	393	1,213	403,428,356	216,077	1,867



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October 2, 2002

Ms. Starla Hack  
Environmental Analyst  
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Dear Ms. Hack:

**RE: RESPONSE TO LIBRARY SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE –  
CERRITOS GENERAL PLAN UPDATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT REPORT**

The following information is provided by the City of Cerritos in response to RBF's Library Service Questionnaire of September 10, 2002.

Question 1

The City's most visible accomplishment during the past year was the completion and grand opening of the new Cerritos Library. This world-class, 88,000 square foot facility has been designed and built as a 21<sup>st</sup> Century, experience-based library for the City's residents. Its capacity of 300,000 printed volumes and an array of on-line access terminals provide a distinctive learning environment.

The Library features state-of-the-art conference facilities and a variety of displays which are intended to enhance the learning experience for all users. With the successful opening of the facility on March 16, 2002, the City believes that the new Cerritos Library will be adequate to serve the community's needs for many years.

Question 2

Because the Cerritos Library is a new, state-of-the-art facility, no additions to existing library resources or facilities are planned at this time.

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Question 3

It is the goal of the new Cerritos Library to be the most innovative, creative and experience-based library in the United States. The Library's service levels are based upon the high level of library usage in Cerritos, the multi-ethnic nature of the City's population, and the extremely high technological literacy of the community.

Therefore, the Library is committed to providing convenient access to a wide variety of collections of library materials, all of which are selected according to their relevance to community needs. These materials are enhanced by online services, community meeting spaces, private study areas and museum-quality exhibits.

Question 4

The City's general fund is the primary funding source for the Cerritos Library. Other external sources include library fees (approximately \$110,000 forecasted for fiscal year 2002-2003), library debit card revenue (\$12,000) and receipts from the library store (12,000). During recent years the Library has received an annual administrative fee of approximately \$100,000 for its participation as the lead agency for the State of California Libris and Experience Grants.

Question 5

The following activity workload data portrays the trends in the City's Library services during the past three years.

	2000-2001 <u>actual</u>	2001-2002 <u>estimated</u>	2002-2003 <u>forecasted</u>
Informational questions	84,284	120,000	219,000
Materials added	28,868	30,000	30,000
Circulation level	639,826	750,000	1,000,000
Patrons (annual)	617,911	750,000	1,200,000
Registered borrowers	41,652	43,000	48,000
Program attendance	5,879	6,000	20,000

Question 6

Because the Cerritos Library is a new facility, the City does not anticipate any General Plan-related impacts which would require additions or modifications.

It is hoped that the new library will be adequate to accommodate new residents and patrons for the next 10-12 years.

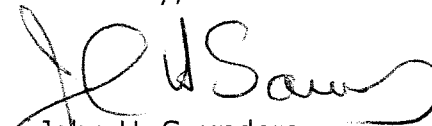
Question 7

The issues most important to the Cerritos Library are the continuing maintenance of an experience-based learning environment to all users, the ability to serve a technologically astute community with effective online services, and the provision of information formats which are useful and relevant to one of the most ethnically diverse communities in the nation.

Although much of the community's success can be attributed to the long-term effectiveness of the City's General Plan, the Cerritos Library does not anticipate any unreasonable future concerns which will result directly from the buildout of the General Plan.

I hope that this information is helpful. If you have any further questions or need additional information, please call me at (562) 916-1314.

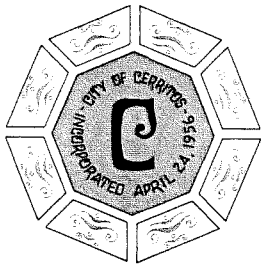
Sincerely,

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John H. Saunders  
Deputy City Manager/  
Administrative Services

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cc Torrey Contreras, Advance Planning Manager  
Waynn Pearson, City Librarian  
Gerard DeMasi, Budget Administrator



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Dear Ms. Hack:

Attached is the Water Service Questionnaire you sent which I received on September 18, 2002.

I do not have a single water system map that shows location of major water lines.

I have included a copy of the City's 2001 Consumer Confidence Report, which contains some general information on the City's water system.

I have also included a copy of the City's Urban Water Management Plan for the year 2000.

Please contact if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ron Babel  
Water Superintendent

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Attachment

cc Dennis Davis, Assistant City Manager/Community Development  
Vince Brar, Deputy City Manager/Public Works  
Torrey Contrerras, Advanced Planning/Redevelopment Manager  
Joe Holdren, Water Supervisor

**WATER SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE  
CERRITOS GENERAL PLAN UPDATE  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Please respond to the following questions on your agency letterhead.

1. What are the size and location of major water lines (i.e. main lines) currently serving the City?
2. Are there currently any deficiencies in the water system in the City of Cerritos?
3. From what sources does the City currently obtain its water supply? What is the method of water treatment and the quality of water levels available to the community?
4. What is the current rate of local groundwater extraction and existing groundwater quality? Will buildout of the General Plan have an impact on groundwater quality?
5. What is the average amount of water the City of Cerritos obtains per year?
6. What are the average water consumption rates (or generation factors) for various land uses (e.g., single-family residential, multi-family residential, commercial, industrial) in the City?
7. Are any new facilities, such as sizing requirements, new lines or treatment facilities, currently planned for the City?
8. Do you have any required assessment fees or other required or recommended mitigation measures?



9. Does your agency have sufficient water supplies available to serve the City of Cerritos at buildout of the General Plan from existing entitlement and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?
  
10. Is there any other relevant information regarding potential significant effects of the General Plan?
  
11. Will buildout of the General Plan require new facilities or additions to existing facilities? If so, please list/summarize any changes.

**SEE ATTACHED ANSWERS TO QUESTIONNAIRE**

**ANSWERS TO  
WATER SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE  
CERRITOS GENERAL PLAN UPDATE  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

1. The City of Cerritos has approximately 179 miles of water mains ranging in size from 6-inch diameter to 30-inch diameter pipes. Some 4-inch diameter mains are used to circulate water from one residential street to another.
2. There are currently no deficiencies in the Cerritos water system.
3. The City receives its water supply from two sources – the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and local groundwater. The City currently operates three water wells that extract the groundwater.

Each groundwater source uses chlorine as a disinfectant. Water delivered by the Cerritos water system meets all Health Department standards. Sampling frequency exceeds Health Department requirements as well.

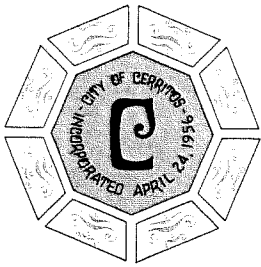
4. In 2001, Cerritos purchased about 14.3 percent of the water supply from the Metropolitan Water District and pumped about 85.7 percent from the three water wells. The local groundwater supply meets all current drinking water standards.

As the City of Cerritos is approximately 99 percent built out, any additional growth will not impact groundwater quality.

5. In 2001 the City purchased approximately 566 million gallons of water from the Metropolitan Water District and produced approximately 3.4 billion gallons from groundwater sources.
6. Average consumption data for specific categories is not available.
7. The City has drilled a new water well that will help meet current and future demands. The equipping of the well with appropriate pumping equipment should begin within the next several months. About one mile of new piping will be constructed to connect this new source to existing water mains.
8. In addition to established water rates, new developments pay water allocation fees of \$600 per acre and water construction fees of \$273 per acre.
9. The current Cerritos water system is capable of meeting the needs of the City at build out. The new water well discussed in Item 7 will enhance the City's water system.

10. N/A

11. N/A



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**RE: CERRITOS GENERAL PLAN UPDATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Dear Mrs. Hack:

The following information has been provided in response to your request outlined in a letter dated September 10, 2002. To ensure that all of your questions and answers are thoroughly and accurately addressed, I am providing you with the questions and their respective answers as follows:

1. Question - Please list the location of storm drain and conveyance facilities within the City. What are the capabilities of these facilities? Are the existing facilities considered adequate?

*Answer - The City of Cerritos includes 2 major watersheds - San Gabriel River Watershed and the Coyote Creek Watershed. The channels are under the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Flood Control District. For specific information about the City's facilities, please reference the attached exhibit identifying catch basins and storm drains throughout the City of Cerritos.*

2. Question - What types of land uses would you expect to adversely impact storm drain and conveyance facilities?

*Answer - Storm drains and storm water conveyance facilities could be compromised by pollution resulting from any land use. Therefore, the City is diligent in reviewing the impacts of any additions and modifications in any land uses by preparing CEQA checklists and mitigation measures, as required. In addition, in accordance with the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit, certain land uses have more stringent requirements due to their tendency to be sources of pollution. The Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan, included in the NPDES permit requirements, addresses the Best Management Practices and other necessary means to prevent stormwater pollution from certain categories of development such as restaurants, large commercial developments, automotive service facilities, and parking lots.*

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3. What impacts to existing and planned drainage facilities does your agency foresee as a result of buildout of the General Plan?

*Answer – The City expects full compliance with all applicable regulations, including CEQA and NPDES, to prevent any detrimental impacts to the drainage facilities in the City's jurisdiction.*

4. Do you have any plans to alter drainage facilities serving the City?

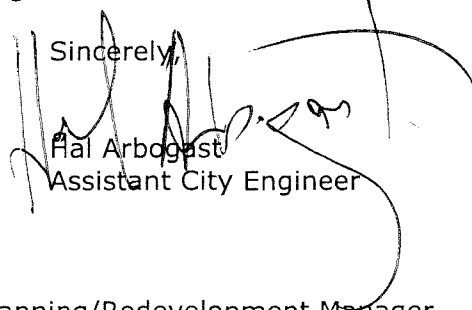
*Answer – Modifications to the City's storm drain system may be made should such changes be deemed necessary. Any changes to the existing system would be permitted by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Flood Control District.*

5. What issues are important to your organization in order to continue to provide storm drain facilities to the City of Cerritos? If you have any particular concerns, what do you recommend to alleviate those concerns?

*Answer – When citizens or staff of the City express concern about the drainage in a certain area, Public Works staff investigate to determine what, if anything, could be done to alleviate the problem. Often, simple replacement of curb and gutter sections can eliminate drainage problems. More major concerns would involve studies of the hydrology and soil conditions, as well as a site survey, to determine what changes can be made to improve the system.*

Do not hesitate to contact either my associate Erin J. Alvarez or me at (562) 860-0311 should you have any questions regarding the above referenced information.

Sincerely,

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Hal Arbogast  
Assistant City Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Torrey N. Contreras, Advance Planning/Redevelopment Manager  
Erin J. Alvarez, Assistant Civil Engineer



Southern California Gas Company  
Technical Services Department  
1919 S. State College Blvd., Bldg. A  
Anaheim CA. 92806



September 16, 2002

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**Attention: STARLA HACK**

**Subject: Cerritos General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report**

Thank you for providing the opportunity to respond to this E.I.R. (Environmental Impact Report) Document. We are pleased to inform you that Southern California Gas Company has facilities in the area where the aforementioned project is proposed. Gas service to the project can be provided from an existing gas main located in various locations. The service will be in accordance with the Company's policies and extension rules on file with the California Public Utilities Commission when the contractual arrangements are made.

This letter is not a contractual commitment to serve the proposed project but is only provided as an informational service. The availability of natural gas service is based upon conditions of gas supply and regulatory agencies. As a public utility, Southern California Gas Company is under the jurisdiction of the California Public Utilities Commission. Our ability to serve can also be affected by actions of federal regulatory agencies. Should these agencies take any action, which affect gas supply or the conditions under which service is available, gas service will be provided in accordance with the revised conditions.

This letter is also provided without considering any conditions or non-utility laws and regulations (such as environmental regulations), which could affect construction of a main and/or service line extension (i.e., if hazardous wastes were encountered in the process of installing the line). The regulations can only be determined around the time contractual arrangements are made and construction has begun.

Estimates of gas usage for residential and non-residential projects are developed on an individual basis and are obtained from the Commercial-Industrial/Residential Market Services Staff by calling (800) 427-2000 (Commercial/Industrial Customers) (800) 427-2200 (Residential Customers). We have developed several programs, which are available upon request to provide assistance in selecting the most energy efficient appliances or systems for a particular project. If you desire further information on any of our energy conservation programs, please contact this office for assistance.

Sincerely,

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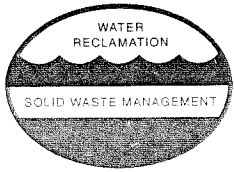
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JAMES F. STAHL  
Chief Engineer and General Manager

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File No: 02-00.04-00  
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19-00.04-00

Ms. Starla Hack, Environmental Analyst  
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Irvine, CA 92618-2027

Dear Ms. Hack:

## Cerritos General Plan Update

This is in reply to your letter which was received by the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Districts) on September 17, 2002. Districts Nos. 2, 3, 18, and 19 serve the City of Cerritos (City). We offer the following comments regarding sewerage service:

- Previous comments submitted by the Districts in correspondence dated September 10, 2002 (copy enclosed), to Mr. Torrey Contreras of the City, still apply to the subject project with the following additional information.
- The Districts own, operate, and maintain only the large trunk sewers which conceptually form the backbone of the regional wastewater conveyance system. Local collector and/or lateral sewer lines are the responsibility of the jurisdiction in which they are located. As such, the Districts cannot comment on any deficiencies in the sewerage system in the City except to state that presently no deficiencies exist in Districts' facilities which serve the City. For information on deficiencies in the City sewerage system you should contact the City Department of Public Works.
- Wastewater flow originating from the City is treated by three Districts' wastewater treatment plants. The Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) located within the City has a design capacity of 37.5 million gallons per day (mgd) and currently processes an average flow of 32.2 mgd. The Joint Water Pollution Control Plant (JWPCP) located in the City of Carson has a design capacity of 385 mgd and currently processes an average flow of 319.9 mgd. The Long Beach WRP has a design capacity of 25 mgd and currently processes an average flow of 20.2 mgd.
- A copy of the Districts' average wastewater generation factors is enclosed to allow you to estimate the volume of wastewater generated by development within the City.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (562) 699-7411, extension 2717.

Very truly yours,

James F. Stahl

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Mr. Torrey Contreras  
Advance Planning/Redevelopment Manager  
City of Cerritos  
18125 Bloomfield Avenue  
Cerritos, CA 90703-3130

Dear Mr. Contreras:

## Cerritos General Plan Update

The County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Districts) received a Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the subject project on August 27, 2002. Districts Nos. 2, 3, 18, and 19 serve the City of Cerritos. We offer the following comments regarding sewerage service:

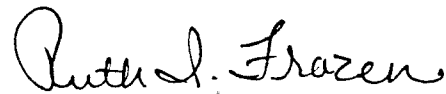
1. Individual developments within the City should be reviewed by the Districts in order to determine whether or not sufficient trunk sewer capacity exists to serve each project.
2. The Districts are empowered by the California Health and Safety Code to charge a fee for the privilege of connecting (directly or indirectly) to the Districts' Sewerage System or **increasing the existing strength and/or quantity of wastewater attributable to a particular parcel or operation already connected**. This connection fee is required to construct an incremental expansion of the Sewerage System to accommodate the proposed project which will mitigate the impact of this project on the present Sewerage System. Payment of a connection fee will be required before a permit to connect to the sewer is issued. A copy of the Connection Fee Information Sheet is enclosed for your convenience. For more specific information regarding the connection fee application procedure and fees, please contact the Connection Fee Counter at extension 2727.
3. In order for the Districts to conform with the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act (CAA), the design capacities of the Districts' wastewater treatment facilities are based on the regional growth forecast adopted by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Specific policies included in the development of the SCAG regional growth forecast are incorporated into the Air Quality Management Plan, which is prepared by the South Coast Air Quality Management District in order to improve air quality in the South Coast Air Basin as mandated by the CAA. All

expansions of Districts' facilities must be sized and service phased in a manner which will be consistent with the SCAG regional growth forecast for the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial. The available capacity of the Districts' treatment facilities will, therefore, be limited to levels associated with the approved growth identified by SCAG. As such, this letter does not constitute a guarantee of wastewater service, but is to advise you that the Districts intend to provide this service up to the levels which are legally permitted and to inform you of the currently existing capacity and any proposed expansion of the Districts' facilities.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (562) 699-7411, extension 2717.

Very truly yours,

James F. Stahl



Ruth I. Frazen  
Engineering Technician  
Planning & Property Management Section

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INFORMATION SHEET FOR APPLICANTS  
PROPOSING TO CONNECT OR INCREASE THEIR DISCHARGE TO  
THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SEWERAGE SYSTEM

**THE PROGRAM**

The County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County are empowered by the California Health and Safety Code to charge a fee for the privilege of connecting to a Sanitation District's sewerage system. Your connection to a City or County sewer constitutes a connection to a Sanitation District's sewerage system as these sewers flow into a Sanitation District's system. The County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County provide for the conveyance, treatment, and disposal of your wastewater. **PAYMENT OF A CONNECTION FEE TO THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE A CITY OR THE COUNTY WILL ISSUE YOU A PERMIT TO CONNECT TO THE SEWER.**

I. WHO IS REQUIRED TO PAY A CONNECTION FEE?

- (1) Anyone connecting to the sewerage system for the first time any structure located on a parcel(s) of land within a County Sanitation District of Los Angeles County.
- (2) Anyone increasing the quantity of wastewater discharged due to the construction of additional dwelling units on or a change in land usage of a parcel already connected to the sewerage system.
- (3) Anyone increasing the improvement square footage of a commercial or institutional parcel by more than 25 percent.
- (4) Anyone increasing the quantity and/or strength of wastewater from an industrial parcel.
- (5) If you qualify for an Ad Valorem Tax or Demolition Credit, connection fee will be adjusted accordingly.

II. HOW ARE THE CONNECTION FEES USED?

The connection fees are used to provide additional conveyance, treatment, and disposal facilities (capital facilities) which are made necessary by new users connecting to a Sanitation District's sewerage system or by existing users who significantly increase the quantity or strength of their wastewater discharge. The Connection Fee Program insures that all users pay their fair share for any necessary expansion of the system.

III. HOW MUCH IS MY CONNECTION FEE?

Your connection fee can be determined from the Connection Fee Schedule specific to the Sanitation District in which your parcel(s) to be connected is located. A Sanitation District boundary map is attached to each corresponding Sanitation District Connection Fee Schedule. Your City or County sewer permitting office has copies of the Connection Fee Schedule(s) and Sanitation District boundary map(s) for your parcel(s). If you require verification of the Sanitation District in which your parcel is located, please call the Sanitation Districts' information number listed under Item IX below.

IV. WHAT FORMS ARE REQUIRED\*?

The Connection Fee application package consists of the following:

- (1) Information Sheet for Applicants (this form)
- (2) Application for Sewer Connection
- (3) Connection Fee Schedule with Sanitation District Map (one schedule for each Sanitation District)

\*Additional forms are required for Industrial Dischargers

V. WHAT DO I NEED TO FILE?

- (1) Completed Application Form
- (2) A complete set of architectural blueprints (not required for connecting one single family home)
- (3) Fee Payment (checks payable to: County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County)
- (4) Industrial applicants must file additional forms and follow the procedures as outlined in the application instructions

VI. WHERE DO I SUBMIT THE FORMS?

Residential, Commercial, and Institutional applicants should submit the above listed materials either by mail or in person to:

County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
Connection Fee Program, Room 130  
1955 Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, CA 90601

Industrial applicants should submit the appropriate materials directly to the City or County office which will issue the sewer connection permit.

VII. HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO PROCESS MY APPLICATION?

Applications submitted by mail are generally processed and mailed within three working days of receipt. Applications brought in person are processed on the same day provided the application, supporting materials, and fee are satisfactory. Processing of large and/or complex projects may take longer.

VIII. HOW DO I OBTAIN MY SEWER PERMIT TO CONNECT?

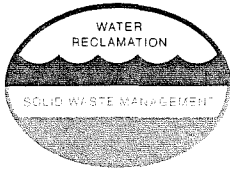
An approved Application for Sewer Connection will be returned to the applicant after all necessary documents for processing have been submitted. Present this approved-stamped copy to the City or County Office issuing sewer connection permits for your area at the time you apply for actual sewer hookup.

IX. HOW CAN I GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

If you require assistance or need additional information, please call the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County at (562) 699-7411, extension 2727.

X. WHAT ARE THE DISTRICTS' WORKING HOURS?

The Districts' offices are open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Friday, except holidays. When applying in person, applicants must be at the Connection Fee counter at least 30 minutes before closing time.



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Dear Ms. Hack:

## Cerritos General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report

The County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Sanitation Districts) have received your letter dated September 10, 2002, and offer the following comments in regard to solid waste management for the above-mentioned project within the City of Cerritos:

1. *Which landfills are presently used in disposal of solid waste from the City of Cerritos?*

The Downey Area Recycling and Transfer Station (DART) is a materials recovery/transfer Facility that assists cities in meeting recycling goals. CalMet Services, Inc. has an exclusive franchise contract with the City of Cerritos. Pursuant to a separate contract between CalMet and the Sanitation Districts, CalMet is required to deliver to the DART Facility all of the waste it collects within the City of Cerritos pursuant to the franchise agreement. Commercial waste from the City of Cerritos is processed at the DART Facility for the purpose of recovering recyclable materials. Residual waste from the City of Cerritos is delivered from the DART Facility to the Puente Hills Landfill, the Commerce Refuse-to-Energy Facility, or other available landfills.

2. *What are the average generation rates for solid waste based on the various land uses (including residential and non-residential) in the City?*

The Sanitation Districts does not develop solid waste generation rates. For this information, please contact the California Integrated Waste Management Board at (916) 341-6000.

3. *Do you anticipate any impacts associated with buildout of the General Plan with respect to solid waste service?*

Any new development exacerbates an already serious disposal capacity shortfall. Wastes generated from new development projects may displace wastes already coming to regional landfills, accelerate landfill closures, or cause more distant sites to be used. As a result, the environmental documentation should evaluate whether this project could have a significant cumulative impact on solid waste management in Los Angeles County.

4. *Does your organization have any plans to update your facilities or add additional facilities? If the updates or additional facilities are required, who would be financially responsible for providing these updates or additional facilities?*

It should be noted that there are only eight major landfills within Los Angeles County and that these landfills serve large geographic areas that are not necessarily limited to those areas in the immediate

vicinity of these sites. There is insufficient permitted disposal capacity within the existing system serving Los Angeles County to provide for its long-term disposal needs. There is additional capacity potentially available within Los Angeles County through the expansion of the Puente Hills Landfill and the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, and outside of Los Angeles County through the use of waste-by-rail at the proposed Eagle Mountain Landfill in Riverside County and the proposed Mesquite Regional Landfill in Imperial County. However, while this additional capacity is needed, the necessary permits and approvals have not yet been issued. The Sanitation Districts and various other local agencies are financially responsible for these facilities.

5. & 6. *Is there any other relevant information regarding significant General Plan impacts?*

*What issues associated with providing continuing or long-term solid waste disposal service to the City are important to your company? If there are any other particular concerns, what do you recommend to alleviate those concerns?*

In order to lessen the potential impacts to the solid waste management system serving Los Angeles County, as well as assist in meeting AB 939 goals, the Sanitation Districts recommend that the proposed development incorporate storage and collection of recyclables into each project design. It is recommended that refuse collection contracts include collection of recyclables. At a minimum, all occupants should be encouraged to recycle newspaper, glass bottles, aluminum and bimetal cans, and P.E.T. bottles. Recycling should be included in the design of the project by reserving space appropriate for the support of recycling, such as adequate storage areas and access for recycling vehicles. In addition, all contractors should be urged to recycle construction and demolition wastes to the extent feasible. It should be recognized that, even with recycling, adequate regional disposal capacity is needed to accommodate new developments. If you have any further questions about recycling, please contact Bill George, Recycling Coordinator for the Sanitation Districts, at (562) 699-7411, extension 2427.

7. *How does your organization assist the City in meeting its recycling goals? Does trash go to a MRF and/or different recycling bins?*

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If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact the undersigned at (562) 699-7411, extension 2405.

Very truly yours,

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**TABLE 1  
LOADINGS FOR EACH CLASS OF LAND USE**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT OF MEASURE</u>	<u>FLOW (Gallons per Day)</u>	<u>COD (Pounds per Day)</u>	<u>SUSPENDED SOLIDS (Pounds per Day)</u>
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>				
Single Family Home	Parcel	260	1.22	0.59
Duplex	Parcel	312	1.46	0.70
Triplex	Parcel	468	2.19	1.05
Fourplex	Parcel	624	2.92	1.40
Condominiums	Parcel	195	0.92	0.44
Single Family Home (reduced rate)	Parcel	156	0.73	0.35
Five Units or More	No. of Dwlg. Units	156	0.73	0.35
Mobile Home Parks	No. of Spaces	156	0.73	0.35
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>				
Hotel/Motel/Rooming House	Room	125	0.54	0.28
Store	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Supermarket	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	150	2.00	1.00
Shopping Center	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	325	3.00	1.17
Regional Mall	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	150	2.10	0.77
Office Building	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	200	0.86	0.45
Professional Building	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	300	1.29	0.68
Restaurant	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	1,000	16.68	5.00
Indoor Theatre	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	125	0.54	0.28
Car Wash				
Tunnel - No Recycling	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	3,700	15.86	8.33
Tunnel - Recycling	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	2,700	11.74	6.16
Wand	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	700	3.00	1.58
Financial Institution	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Service Shop	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Animal Kennels	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Service Station	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Auto Sales/Repair	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Wholesale Outlet	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Nursery/Greenhouse	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	25	0.11	0.06
Manufacturing	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	200	1.86	0.70
Dry Manufacturing	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	25	0.23	0.09
Lumber Yard	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	25	0.23	0.09
Warehousing	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	25	0.23	0.09
Open Storage	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	25	0.23	0.09
Drive-in Theatre	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	20	0.09	0.05

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<b>COMMERCIAL</b>				
Night Club	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	350	1.50	0.79
Bowling/Skating	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	150	1.76	0.55
Club	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	125	0.54	0.27
Auditorium, Amusement	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	350	1.50	0.79
Golf Course, Camp, and Park (Structures and Improvements)	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Recreational Vehicle Park	No. of Spaces	55	0.34	0.14
Convalescent Home	Bed	125	0.54	0.28
Laundry	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	3,825	16.40	8.61
Mortuary/Cemetery	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	1.33	0.67
Health Spa, Gymnasium				
With Showers	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	600	2.58	1.35
Without Showers	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	300	1.29	0.68
Convention Center, Fairground, Racetrack, Sports Stadium/Arena	Average Daily Attendance	10	0.04	0.02
<b>INSTITUTIONAL</b>				
College/University	Student	20	0.09	0.05
Private School	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	200	0.86	0.45
Church	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	50	0.21	0.11