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City of Temecula

Mayor Maryann Edwards

43200 Business Park Drive

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Subject: Granite Construction Company's proposed Liberty Quarry Project

Dear Mayor Edwards:

On Tuesday, October 20, 2009, the Murrieta–Temecula Group (MTG) voted unanimously to support the development of the proposed Liberty Quarry project. This vote came after months of study by a subcommittee of MTG members into the potential economic and environmental issues of the proposed project.

The following committee recommendation and findings that were considered and voted on were as follows:

1. Recommendation:

- a. The Committee recommends that MTG support the approval, development and operation of the project based upon its potential economic and environmental benefits to the region and the state of California.

2. Findings:

- a. The “Reduced Footprint Alternative” as identified in the Draft EIR (July 20, 2009) prepared by Riverside County has less regional and traffic impacts than the “No Project” alternative.
- b. The Liberty Quarry project would not have significant impacts on residents in Temecula, Fallbrook, Rainbow or DeLuz.
- c. The Liberty Quarry Project would provide a critical source of local aggregate that has been identified by the State of California as both economically and environmentally beneficial.
- d. The MTG should support the approval of the “Reduced Footprint Alternative” and communicate this support to appropriate groups and the County of Riverside.

The full MTG subcommittee report and recommendation has been included with this letter for your information.

MTG would also like to encourage the City of Temecula and Granite Construction Company to initiate meetings to find ways to resolve any outstanding issues surrounding the proposed project. The City has indicated a desire to work with San Diego State University to incorporate their Ecological Reserve into the city limits of Temecula. MTG believes there is a tremendous opportunity for Granite and the City of Temecula to work with Riverside County and San Diego State University to accomplish the goals of all parties.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Morrison", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Greg Morrison
President, Murrieta Temecula Group

cc: Gary Johnson, Granite Construction

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