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February 27, 2007

Kathleen Rollings-McDonald, Executive Director
County of San Bernardino
Local Agency Formation Commission
215 North D Street, Suite 204
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490

Re: Hi-Desert Water District Functions and Services

Dear Ms. McDonald:

The Hi-Desert Water District is currently designated to provide Engineering and Planning services as a function of Sewers pursuant to LAFCO's "Listing of Special Districts Functions and Services".

Beginning in 1992, the District began its planning efforts for wastewater treatment and sewers. The engineering firm of Montgomery Watson Harza was hired to develop a feasibility study and ultimately contracted to develop a Wastewater Master Plan for the Yucca Valley community. This Wastewater Master Plan was completed in 1998. In summary, the plan outlined the facilities to sewer the community, including but not limited to, treatment facility capacity (phased over nine years), type of treatment technology and treatment levels to achieve recharge into the groundwater basin, alignment of the trunk sewer lines, and estimated costs for the capital facilities and operation and maintenance. A copy of this report is available upon request.

More recently, the District has accomplished the following to implement wastewater treatment and collection services:

- **Property Acquired** – The District acquired 80 acres of vacant property to accommodate the wastewater treatment facility, to full expansion.
- **Environmental** – Tom Dodson & Associates has been contracted to complete the CEQA and NEPA process for the project. It is anticipated this task could be completed within six months.
- **Dry Sewering Standards** – The District, through Montgomery Watson Harza, has developed dry-line sewer standards for new development that will eventually connect to the District's sewer system.

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- **Impact Fees** – The District will soon be implementing wastewater impact fees that will be applicable to new development. The fees collected will be used to assist with the financing of the wastewater treatment facility and the trunk sewer lines.

While the District continues to progress in implementing a community wide wastewater treatment and collection system, it is respectfully requested the Services within the Sewer function be amended to include and reflect the following:

- Engineering
- Planning
- Collection
- Treatment
- Reclamation
- Disposal

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Pat Grady from my office at 760.365.8333. Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Sincerely,



Lee Pearl
General Manager