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**Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Proposed Residential Dwelling Located at  
2400 South Fremont Ave., Alhambra**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comment is meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the MND.

In the project description, the Lead Agency proposes to demolish existing on-site improvements, clear 8.8 acres, and construct 70 residential units. The site preparation phase will exceed Localized Significance Thresholds (LST) for  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$ . On page 89 of the MND, the Lead Agency correctly identifies that the project will have to comply with SCAQMD Rule 403, however, incorrectly asserts that watering the site twice daily is a requirement within Rule 403. Therefore, since the project relies on watering twice a day to reduce the project's LST impacts to a less than significant level (MND, Table 8), SCAQMD staff recommends that the following mitigation measure be added:

AQ-1: During construction, all exposed areas will be watered at least two times daily to reduce the project's  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  LST impacts to a less than significant level.

The SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these concerns and any other air quality questions that may arise. Please contact Jack Cheng, Air Quality Specialist at (909) 396-2448, if you have any questions regarding these comments. We look forward to reviewing and providing comments for the Final IS/MND associated with this project.

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