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February 20, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**COMPLETION AND TRANSFER OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES
PRIVATE DRAIN NO. 1954
TRACT NO. 45137
CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Find that this transfer is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Approve and instruct the Chair to sign the enclosed Agreement between the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) and the City of Santa Clarita. This Agreement provides for the City to pay the LACFCD all costs incurred to bring the storm drain facilities to standards acceptable for transfer into the LACFCD. The Agreement also provides for the LACFCD to accept the drains for operation and maintenance.
3. Instruct and authorize the Director of Public Works to accept the transfer and conveyance to the LACFCD from the City of Santa Clarita Private Drain (PD) No. 1954 pursuant to the enclosed City's Resolution No. 02-71.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

These actions provide for the City to pay the LACFCD all costs incurred to bring the storm drain facility to standards acceptable for transfer into the LACFCD. Upon execution of the Agreement from the City, the Agreement will provide for the LACFCD to accept the drain for operation and maintenance. The transfer and continued maintenance of PD No. 1954 by the LACFCD provides for public health and safety to residents and visitors to the area.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The transfer of PD No. 1954 is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since the regularly scheduled maintenance of flood control facilities is needed to provide flood protection that improves the quality of life to residents in the area.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

No negative fiscal impact. The City will pay all costs incurred for the repair of the storm drain facility. Maintenance of the storm drain facility will be funded with Flood Control District funds. There will be no increase in net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The storm drain facility consists of various size underground storm drain pipes and surface structures in City streets and right of ways. We have reviewed the plans and inspected the storm drain facility and hereby recommend the storm drain facility for transfer subject to the provisions of the Agreement and Resolutions. The City of Santa Clarita adopted the Resolution requesting the LACFCD to accept the transfer and conveyance of the storm drain facility. Section 13-3/4 of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act authorizes your Board to accept the transfer and conveyance of storm drain facility to the District for future operation and maintenance when the facility is offered by resolution by the jurisdictional agency.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This transfer is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA, as specified in Class 1(u) of the revised Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, Synopsis 57, and Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

No adverse impact.

CONCLUSION

Enclosed are two copies of the Agreement, which has been approved by the City. Upon approval, please return the executed Agreement along with two approved copies of this letter to Public Works, Land Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel