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The Honorable David J. Toro
Mayor Pro Tempore of Colton

Mr. Mark Tomich
Development Services Director
City of Colton
650 North La Cadena Drive
Colton, California 92324

Subject: West Valley Habitat Conservation Plan Timetable, City of Colton, San Bernardino County, California

Dear Mayor Toro and Mr. Tomich:

We are writing in response to your letters to our office, Mr. Tomich's letter dated April 11, 2013, and Mayor Toro's dated May 2, 2013, requesting our concurrence with the estimated timetable for completion of the proposed West Valley Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) provided in Mr. Tomich's letter.

The timetable Mr. Tomich provided accurately reflects the remaining steps needed to complete the HCP process. It also includes a reasonable estimate of an achievable time frame for completing the process. However, as we have discussed previously, we know from experience that the process can take longer than anticipated due to variables which we cannot control, such as when deliverables are provided by the applicant; workload and staffing levels in our office, our Regional Office, and our Solicitor's office; and the level of public involvement and acceptance of the HCP. Your HCP is a top priority in our office and we will make every effort to expedite the portions of the process for which we are responsible and/or can influence.

We look forward to working with you, including providing continued technical assistance and other support in completing the HCP. Should you have questions regarding this letter please contact Geary Hund of this office at 760-322-2070, extension 209.

Sincerely,

Kennon A. Corey
Assistant Field Supervisor