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**Review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for
Case 5.1209 Change of Zone and Tentative Parcel Map 35681**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comment is intended to provide guidance to the lead agency and should be incorporated into the final CEQA document as appropriate.

The proposed project will change the land use classification on the subject property from Energy-Industrial (E-I) to Manufacturing (M-2), as a result, the project will reduce our region's potential for renewable energy sources that could reduce criteria pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions. Given the challenges with power generation and air quality in our region the AQMD staff recommends that the lead agency consider additional mitigation to further reduce the project's potential air quality and global warming impacts. For example, the lead agency could require solar panels on the rooftops of structures built at the project site and adopt energy efficiency measures that will reduce the project's energy demand. Additional information on renewable energy sources and our region's air quality challenges can be found in a recent brochure co-authored by AQMD, SCAG and CARB, "Powering the Future."¹

The AQMD staff is available to work with the lead agency to address these issues and any other questions regarding air quality that may arise. Please contact Dan Garcia, Air

¹Powering the Future - A Vision for Clean Energy, Clear Skies, and a Growing Economy in Southern California available at:

http://www.aqmd.gov/pubinfo/Publications/PoweringTheFuture/powering_the_future.htm

Quality Specialist CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3304, if you have any questions regarding the enclosed comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian V. MacMillan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "I" and "M".

Ian MacMillan
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