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Ms. Andrea Ozdy  
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**Subject: Land Conservation Act Application for property located at 2525  
Bardsdale Avenue, Fillmore, California (Ventura County)**

Dear Ms. Ozdy:

The Department of Fish and Game supports the application for an Open Space/Wildlife Habitat Land Conservation Act (LCA) contract for the property located at 2525 Bardsdale Avenue, Fillmore, California. The property is located within or adjacent to the Santa Clara River (River), north of Bardsdale Avenue and West of San Cayetano Street in Fillmore, Ventura County. The total acreage of both parcels (APN 046-0-160-390 at 101.09 acres and APN 046-0-160-400 at 10.51 acres) is 111.60 acres. Approximately 82.60 acres are currently floodplain open space, while 29 acres are in agricultural production.

The biological resources observed on the parcels are primarily associated with the riparian habitat. The River provides a significant portion of the remaining riparian and wetland habitat in the region. A recent study identified 18 threatened or endangered species and an additional 20 species of special concern that utilize the River. It is thought that this site currently supports several listed species including least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), and southern steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).

Mr. Dan Blankenship has conducted a site visit to evaluate conservation values at the properties. Upon the completion of review of the site and the application package, the Department fully supports the LCA and therefore supports Ventura County's recommendation to designate the property as Wildlife Habitat. The riparian habitat located on the parcels provides a significant benefit to many wildlife and native plant species in the area. In addition, future restoration of the parcels by TNC will add tremendous value for wildlife resources and native plant protection.

Please contact Mr. Dan Blankenship, Staff Environmental Scientist, at (661) 259-3750 if you should need further coordination on the proposed project.

Sincerely,

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Regional Manager  
South Coast Region

cc: Leslie MacNair  
Betty Courtney, Newhall

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Planning Commission Hearing  
PL12-0071  
**Exhibit 9**  
Memo from Edmund Pert (9/5/12)