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Harbhajan Dadwal
Dadwal Management Group
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SUBJECT: Biological Consulting Services for the Home2Suites Project

Dear Mr. Dadwal,

Per your request, Denise Duffy & Associates, Inc. (DD&A) is providing biological consulting services for the Home2Suites Project (project), located within a vacant parcel (APN 031-251-047-000) within the City of Marina in Monterey County, California.

Sand gilia (*Gilia tenuiflora* spp. *arenaria*), a federally endangered and state threatened plant species, was identified within and directly adjacent to the project parcel during plant surveys conducted in 2004 by Zander Associates for the University Villages Specific Plan (USVP) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (State Clearinghouse #2004091167, certified May 21, 2005) (Figure 1). It was requested that DD&A survey the area with the historically documented population of sand gilia to determine presence and the extent of the existing population, if observed. This letter reports the results of the survey effort.

On March 18 and April 30, 2020, DD&A biologists conducted surveys for sand gilia within and immediately surrounding the areas where the species was identified in 2004. No sand gilia was observed within the project parcel. Less than 10 individual sand gilia were observed on the adjacent parcel (Figure 1). To ensure avoidance of this species, DD&A recommends the following:

- Final grading plans and/or project plans depicting limits of disturbance should be reviewed to confirm avoidance of all sand gilia populations occurring within the site.
- If avoidance is not feasible, an incidental take permit from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife would be required.
- Prior to construction, the documented sand gilia population within the site should be fenced for protection. A qualified biologist should monitor the site periodically to ensure that fencing is intact and project activities and that the population is being avoided.

Implementation of these measures would ensure that the project avoids or mitigates for impacts to sand gilia. If you have any comments or questions regarding this memo, please contact me at (831) 373-4341 or at eharwayne@ddaplanning.com.

Sincerely,

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