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April 24, 2013

Attention:

Topanga Canyon Boulevard (State Route-27) Roadside Vegetation Committee ("Committee")  
Susan Nissman, Senior Field Deputy for County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky  
Kara Seward, Committee Co-Chair, District Director for State Senator Fran Pavley

Dear Committee:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is committed to working with the community of Topanga to implement vegetation control methods for State Route-27 (Topanga Canyon Boulevard) so that synthetic herbicides will be unnecessary and so that all fire and public safety legal requirements are met in a timely manner.

Toward that end, Caltrans has collaborated with the Topanga community and other public agencies from June 2012 until the present to develop Best Management Practices (BMPs) and a feasible joint Work Plan. This collaboration has involved cooperation, coordination, and communication among all involved parties. The BMPs and Work Plan will be incorporated into Caltrans' Vegetation Control Plan for Topanga and archived at Caltrans District 7 (Biology Library & Maintenance Library) and the local field offices of the Los Angeles County Supervisor District 3 and State Senate District 27.

Caltrans anticipates continued coordination with the Committee for monitoring, reevaluation, and adaptive management of BMPs and Work Plan for the foreseeable future. If it becomes necessary for Caltrans to consider introducing a new BMP or substantially altering the Vegetation Control Plan, Caltrans will reengage with Topanga's elected representatives' offices and the community. We look forward to continuing to provide high quality public safety and service as well as sound environmental stewardship for the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel J. Freeman".

DANIEL J. FREEMAN  
Deputy District Director  
California Department of Transportation - District 7

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SUSAN NISSMAN, Committee Co-Chair

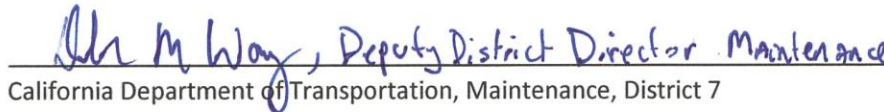
KARA SEWARD, Committee Co-Chair


We, the undersigned, as representatives of the stakeholders on the Topanga Canyon Boulevard Roadside Committee (July 2012 to May 2013), approve and agree to the attached document, *Topanga Canyon Watershed Management Plan: Topanga Canyon Boulevard Vegetation Management Implementation Plan, 2013-2017.*


 Deputy Supervisor SD3, 7/10/13  
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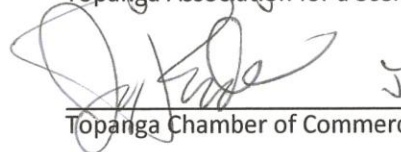
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*(Consulting party as per Christy Brigham, PhD, Chief of Planning, Science, and Resource Management, 9/12/13)*

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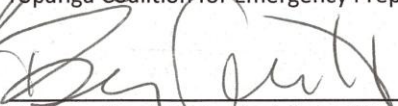
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