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Subject: Approval Comments County Paleontological Report No. 250054 for PPT240018

Submitted Report:

San Diego Natural History Museum, 2025, Paleontological Resources Investigation Report – Woodcrest Retail Center Study (Case Number PPT240018), revised January 16, 2026.

The subject County Paleontological Report submitted for the subject project is hereby approved for Riverside County Planning Department purposes.

PDP250054 concluded/recommended:

The vast majority of the Project site is underlain by fill, residual soils, and the Val Verde Tonalite, which are all assigned a low paleontological potential, while the southeastern margin of the Project site is underlain by old alluvial fan deposits assigned a high paleontological potential. Earthwork in areas of low paleontological potential will not result in impacts to paleontological resources and will not require any form of paleontological mitigation. Earthwork in the area of high paleontological potential has the potential to impact significant paleontological resources; however, because this area has been previously developed (i.e., the underlying deposits are likely disturbed) and the earthwork proposed for this area is minimal, it is suggested that earthwork in this area has a low potential to impact significant paleontological resources.

Mitigation of these potential impacts can be ensured by implementing the following proposed mitigation measure. In the case of an inadvertent discovery of paleontological resources, work at the location of the discovery shall cease and a 50-foot-radius buffer around the discovery site shall be established. Earthwork shall be diverted from the buffered area and the property owner and Riverside County Geologist shall be notified. A qualified Project Paleontologist approved by the County of Riverside shall be retained. The discovery site shall not be disturbed until the Project Paleontologist evaluates the find. If the Project Paleontologist assesses the paleontological resources to be significant, subsequent earthwork shall be monitored by a qualified paleontological monitor as deemed necessary by the Project Paleontologist. Any recovered significant fossil remains shall be prepared, identified, and

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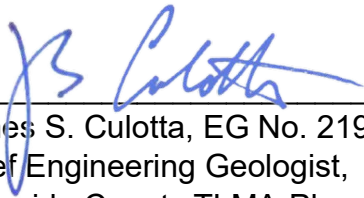
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curated into the designated fossil repository (by preference, the Western Science Center), and a final summary report shall be prepared.

Per the County's SABER (Safeguard Artifacts Being Excavated in Riverside County) Policy, paleontological fossils found in the County of Riverside should, by preference, be directed to the Western Science Center in the City of Hemet.

Please email James Culotta at jculotta@rivco.org if you have questions. Sincerely,

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