May 20, 2009

Nevada County Planning Department
Attn: Jessica Hankins, Associate Planner
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Nevada City, CA 95959-8617

Re: Initial Distribution/Project Description
10358 Rincon Way, Auburn
Nevada County APN: 57-130-13; 57-240-17, 18 & 19

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above referenced document. I understand we have missed your comment date of May 15, 2009, but the District would like to have the following comments on file.

The referenced property is within the boundaries of the Nevada Irrigation District and is entitled to water in accordance with Division 11 of the California Water Code. Water service and all rates and charges for service shall be subject to the regulations of the District and the laws of the State. Application shall be in compliance with State and County Health Departments.

Treated water service is not currently available to the property because it does not front the District’s pipeline. A mainline extension from Timber Ridge Drive (see enclosed map) would be required per the terms and conditions of Section 10 of the District’s regulation. This would involve an extension of approximately 4,300 feet to reach the northeast corner of the project. Additionally, a pump station and storage tank would be required. Any improvement costs necessary to provide treated water service, including off-site and on-site improvements, are the sole responsibilities of the property owner.

It should be noted that property owners in the Rodeo Flat area immediately northeast of your project have formed as Assessment District with plans to expand the treated water system through their neighborhood. The pump station associated with the Rodeo Flat Assessment District Project is being designed with manifolds capable of serving the Rincon Del Rio Project; however, no improvements to serve the Rincon Del Rio Project will be constructed. Construction on the Rodeo Flat Project is expected to begin by the end of the year.

The District’s Combie Phase II Canal and Weeks Canal cross portions of the project. Any development of the referenced property will require updated easements for any District facilities that traverse the property. Adequate easements will also be required for roads the District has been utilizing to access its facilities. Any new construction, bridges, roadways, fences or pipelines (culverts) that involve these facilities will require prior approval and an encroachment

The District will provide a dependable, quality water supply, strive to be good stewards of the watersheds and conserve the available resources.

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permit from the District. If there are any questions concerning the required easements, please contact the District’s Right of Way Department at (530) 273-6185.

All development in the vicinity of District-owned canals must abide by the regulations pertaining to canal protection measures that were adopted by the District in May 1992. These measures include, but are not limited to, the encasement of canals in certain circumstances, and do not allow any increase in surface runoff or deterioration of water quality from pre-development levels into canals. The District shall approve the alignment, plans and specifications, and adequate new easements will also be required. The cost for encasement will be developer’s responsibility. If the property is developed with 3 acre or smaller density, encasement of the canals will be required.

The District does not assume liability or responsibility for the provision or supply of water for fire protection; however, the District’s treated water system is available for fire protection. Review of fire flow requirements is not an assumption of liability or responsibility for fire flow design criteria.

Sincerely,

Shannon M. Bradley
Business Coordinator

CC: Central File, Water Avail. File