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Ms. Sidnie L. Olson
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**RE: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR)
 MARINA CENTER MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, APN 003-041-007**

Ms. Olson:

The Department is in receipt of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Marina Center Mixed Use Development Project prepared by ESA, dated November 2008. The Department offers the following comments:

1. A review of the Traffic Impact Study included within the DEIR suggests that that project will have significant impacts to the overall operational performance of Broadway that cannot be mitigated. This significant impact will still exist after completion of proposed mitigation measures outlined in the study.

As congestion on Broadway increases, traffic will seek other less congested routes to bypass the congestion on Broadway. One of these routes is the "F" Street / Fairway Drive / Herrick Avenue corridor. A portion of this route is within unincorporated Humboldt County. The Department recommends that the Traffic Impact Study address this corridor and recommend mitigation as necessary. In particular, the following intersections should be assessed: Herrick Avenue /Elk River Road; Herrick Avenue / Vance Avenue; Herrick Avenue / Meyers Avenue; and "F" Street / Oak Street.

2. It is hoped that the City of Eureka will address the cumulative impacts of traffic in the same manner that the City has requested the County to do. This was previously included within the Department's April 28, 2006 letter to you in regards to the Marina Center project.

If you have any questions please free to call me at (707) 445-7205.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robert W. Bronkall in black ink.

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