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Dear Mr. James:

This letter is in response to your December 16, 2008 request (from Hillary Bird) for a determination of consistency of the Unikool/Salinas Agricultural Park project with the *2008 Air Quality Management Plan for the Monterey Bay Region (AQMP)*.

Consistency of the commercial portion of this project is determined by comparing the estimated current population of the area in which the project is located with the applicable population forecast in the AQMP. The *2008 Population, Housing Unit, and Employment Forecasts* adopted by the AMBAG Board of Directors on June 11, 2008 has been incorporated into the 2008 Air Quality Management Plan for the North Central Coast Air Basin (August 2008), which is the document used project consistency. If the estimated current population does not exceed the forecast, indirect emissions associated with the project are deemed to be consistent with the AQMP.

The current population of the City of Salinas is 150,898 (1/1/08 Department of Finance estimate). The forecasted population of the City of Seaside in the year 2010, the next forecasted year, is 153,779. As the current population of the City of Salinas is less than the forecasted population, the commercial portion of the Unikool/Salinas Agricultural Park project is **consistent** with the AQMP.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this determination.

Sincerely,

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