March 1, 2017

Mr. Daniel Cozad, Executive Director San Bernardino Valley Conservation Trust 1630 West Redlands Blvd., Suite A Redlands, California, 92373-8032

Dear Mr. Cozad:

Application for Nonprofit Organization Requesting to Hold and Manage Mitigation Lands

On December 14, 2016, the Inland Deserts Region of California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received your application to hold and manage mitigation lands. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65967, CDFW has exercised our required due diligence process in reviewing your application and supporting documentation, and we are pleased to inform you that your request to hold and manage mitigation lands within the Inland Deserts Region is hereby approved. Please keep this letter of approval until its expiration on February 15, 2022.

If you would like to renew your current approval status, we encourage you to contact CDFW six months prior to February 15, 2022. When renewing, you will be required to submit application sections: A, B, and I. Application sections C, D, and H, are required only if any information has changed since the approval date. Application sections E, F, and G are not required for renewal.

Please provide a copy of this letter to any project proponent that wishes to seek CDFW approval for your organization to hold and manage mitigation lands as a condition of any permit requiring the transfer interest in real property to mitigate the impact that the project will have on fish and wildlife resources. If you have any questions please contact Jeff Brandt, Senior Environmental Scientist at (909) 987-7161 or by email at <a href="mailto:jeff.brandt@wildlife.ca.gov">jeff.brandt@wildlife.ca.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Leslie MacNair, Regional Manager

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