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Mr. Calvin Packett
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Ref: Access to Willow Road

Dear Mr. Packett:

Thank you for your letter dated June 29, 2011. In the letter you claim that you have had access to a private segment of Willow Road for many years. You have now stated that the County must provide you with a driveway access to the public portion of Willow Road that is currently under construction in place of the private segment.

Willow Road is classified as an arterial road. This type of roadway is designed to carry high volumes of traffic. County policy is to minimize connections to arterials for health and safety reasons.

We are unable to locate evidence of an obligation to provide you with an access connection to Willow Road. The creation of your parcel by Parcel Map in 1974 established your primary access from Cherokee Place. The County Planning file also reflects that you have legal and physical access from Cherokee Place.

The County's acquisition of right of way for the segment of Willow Road adjacent to your northerly boundary did not reveal any easements or unrecorded commitments supporting an obligation to perpetuate access pursuant to your request. The conveying owner(s) have otherwise stated in the pertinent RW Agreements that there were no written or verbal easements on their properties affecting the right of way purchase.

We must reject your request to provide you with an access connection to Willow Road.

A tiered environmental impact report prepared for the Willow Road Extension Project by Douglas Woods & Associates was certified by the Board of Supervisors on April 13, 1999. At that time the County proceeded with right of way acquisition and completion of project design. Subsequently a challenge to tiered environmental impact reports was upheld by the California courts. Therefore, a supplemental environmental impact report was initiated in 2003 for the Willow Road Extension Project and certified by the Board of

Supervisors on May 9, 2006. The project limits were redefined and presented to the public for comments via public notifications, mailings, and Town Hall meetings. The opportunity for comment and possible plan revision was during that time frame.

Please contact me at (805) 788-2931 if you have any additional questions or if you have additional written documentation for consideration.

Sincerely,



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