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DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR BALBOA PARK PLAZA
DE PANAMA (SCH# 2011031074)

Dear Ms. Shearer-Nguyen:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has received your draft Environmental Impact Report for the above-mentioned project. The following project description is stated in your document: "Implement the Balboa Park de Panama Project. Project goals include rehabilitation of the Plaza de Panama consistent with the original vision of a ceremonial plaza and gathering space by eliminating vehicle traffic from Plaza de California, El Prado, Plaza de Panama, and the Esplanade. Project elements include:

1. Plaza de Panama
2. El Prado and Plaza de California
3. Bypass Road and Bridge
4. Alcazar Parking Lot and Walkway
5. Esplanade and Pan American Road
6. Parking Structure and Roof top Park".

DTSC sent you comments on the Notice of Preparation Report for the above-mentioned project on 4/18/2011, which should be addressed. Based on the review of the submitted document DTSC has no further comments.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at ashami@dtsc.ca.gov, or by phone at (714) 484-5472.

Sincerely,


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