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COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
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Re: Property Owner Ballot for Road Maintenance in Cedar Glen

Dear Property Owner:

Since the 2003 Old Fire the County has been working with the community of Cedar Glen to assist with the rebuilding efforts. To date the following has been accomplished:

- The Board of Supervisors approved a \$10 million loan to the Redevelopment Agency to primarily fund water and road improvements in the Cedar Glen community.
- Applied for and received a Federal grant in the amount of \$3 million to assist with water and road improvements which will be received by the end of March.
- Received an \$800,000 loan from the County for the purchase of the Arrowhead Manor Water Company and other startup costs.
- Working with State Department of Water Resources to reduce outstanding loan.
- Applied for State proposition grant funds for water improvements.
- The formation of County Service Area 70, Improvement Zone Cedar Glen (CSA 70 CG) to own and operate the water system and provide road maintenance services (pending the special election).
- The purchase of the Arrowhead Manor Water Company (escrow to open in March 2007).
- Assumed operation of the water district via a system operations agreement with the court appointed receiver.

Efforts to improve the water system in your community are well underway. The purpose of this letter is to inform you about our efforts to improve the roads in Cedar Glen. As you know, during the Old Fire the roads severely hampered emergency personnel and remain a hardship today. The water and road improvement project will be designed and constructed in four phases over the next four years. Funding and community priorities will determine the location of the work for each phase.

There is currently \$7.6 million in Redevelopment funds available for water and road improvements on 23 miles of unimproved roads in CSA 70, CG. Improvements include grading, widening of roads where possible, establishing turnouts and turnarounds and, perhaps most significant, providing a paved secondary access from Hook Creek Road to Torrey Road. However, state law only permits the use of redevelopment funds for construction activities. The operation and maintenance of public improvements must be provided for but cannot be funded through the Redevelopment Agency.

