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Site Planning

Stephen Scott, Principal Planner/ Zoning Administrator  
City of San Mateo, Planning Division  
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Dear Stephen,

Please find this letter confirmation of our intent and awareness of the City's request for future conformance to the State's Model Water Efficient Ordinance of Sept. 20, 2009.

Even though the City has not yet adopted this ordinance, for our planning submittal we have conceptually designed the landscaping at the St. Matthew School Gymnasium project with the intent of minimizing water usage and maximizing use efficiency.

90% of plantings around the new gymnasium building are considered "drought tolerant" and will conform to the plant factor guidelines as specified in the ordinance.

It is also our intent to incorporate a highly efficient landscape irrigation system, utilizing drip emitters, low volume heads, soil moisture sensors, state of the art controller and the possible interface with a weather station. Once this very detailed system is designed, we will be able to incorporate its values into the ordinance calculations and worksheets.

Since the requirements of this ordinance can be considered a very detailed regulation, we feel that it is best that it be implemented during the construction documentation/ building permit stage of the project. This will allow us to make adjustments in our plant selection and irrigation design in order to fine tune the overall landscape design for conformance with the ordinance.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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