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Mr. Clarence Everly
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Desert Managers Group
2701 Barstow Road
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Dear Mr. Everly:

Thank you very much for the invitation to join with the Desert Managers Group (DMG). As expressed in our October 29, 2004 letter to the organization we feel this is an important body to coordinate and oversee a variety of land and natural resources management activities throughout the desert region. We feel strongly that we have a significant interrelationship with the land management agencies as well as the military bases, and see this as a valuable organization with which to network or assure coordinated activity. We are pleased that the organization recognized the need to local government in the organization.

Your letter of January 21, 2005 requested that County members agree to the mission of the DMG as expressed in the existing Memorandum of Understanding and June 2000 charter and agree to participate on the basis of those documents. On behalf of San Bernardino County, we accept that condition.

Your letter further expressed the expectation that each county member will sign off on the new/updated MOU and Charter, as yet undeveloped. We look forward to being a party to the drafting process as a full member of the DMG. Since we do not know the outcome of that negotiation and drafting, I cannot commit to signing at this time, though it is certainly reasonable to assume that if the documents follow the current organizing principles and do not carry financial obligations, such agreement would be forthcoming.

Your letter further expressed that each County designate an elected official to represent its interests in Group. On behalf of San Bernardino County I will accept that responsibility. Since I am Chairman of the Board this year I do request, or notify you at this time, that I retain the option of asking another member of the Board, one of our

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County Department Directors, or one of my personal staff to substitute for me as the need arises. We recognize the importance of having each county, as with each agency, represented by an official of high enough rank and accountability to act on behalf of the governmental entity.

We look forward to participating with the Desert Managers Group, and I do plan to attempt to be at the April 27-28, 2005 meeting in Ridgecrest.

Sincerely,

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San Bernardino County

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