

## County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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May 8, 2008

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Mr. Bell:

We received your appeal dated May 1, 2008 of the County Planning Commission's April 21, 2008 approval of PXP's Tranquillon Ridge project. The County's Land Use and Development Code sets forth the definition of an aggrieved person who may file such an appeal. An aggrieved person is defined as follows:

## Land Use and Development Code Section 35.102.020 - General Appeal Procedures

A. Who may appeal. An appeal may only be filed by an applicant or any aggrieved person. An aggrieved person is defined as any person who in person, or through a representative, appeared at a public hearing in connection with the decision or action appealed, or who, by other appropriate means prior to a hearing or decision, informed the review authority of the nature of their concerns or who for good cause was unable to do either.

We did not receive any communications from you, either written or oral, during the environmental review process (EIR #06EIR-00000-00005) or the Planning Commission decision-making process associated with the Tranquillon Ridge project (06RVP-00000-00001). We also have no record that your concerns were represented by others at or before the Planning Commission hearing.

In light of the above definition and the lack of correspondence from you on this project, we request that you submit a letter providing evidence that you have standing to appeal the Planning Commission's April 21, 2008 decision. You may submit this letter to me at the Energy Division, Planning and Development Department, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 or via e-mail to me at <a href="Meritage-Kevin@co.santa-barbara.ca.us">Kevin@co.santa-barbara.ca.us</a> or to Nancy Minick at <a href="Minick@co.santa-barbara.ca.us">NMinick@co.santa-barbara.ca.us</a>.

FAX: (805) 568-2030

If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 568-2519 or Nancy Minick at (805) 568-2506.

Sincerely.

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William Dillon, County Counsel

Doug Anthony, Deputy Director, Energy Division

Nancy Minick, Planner

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