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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**SCOPE (SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION)
FOR PLANNING AND THE)
ENVIRONMENT), FRIENDS OF THE SANTA)
CLARA RIVER, HOMEOWNERS FOR)
NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION,)**

Petitioners,

v.

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, SANTA)
CLARITA CITY COUNCIL, et al.,)**

Respondents.)

VISTA CANYON RANCH, LLC, et al.)

Real Parties in Interest.)

Case No. BS 132487

Assigned for all purposes to:
Honorable Allan J. Goodman

**PEREMPTORY
WRIT OF MANDATE**

Original Petition Filed: June 10, 2011
Amended Petition Filed: October 18, 2011

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA:
TO RESPONDENTS CITY OF SANTA CLARITA AND ITS CITY COUNCIL,
AND TO ALL PERSONS ACTING ON THEIR BEHALF:**

Judgment having been entered in this action ordering that a peremptory writ of mandate be issued from this Court,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1 Within thirty days after service of this Writ, if Respondents have not already done so,
2 Respondents shall:

3 1. Set aside their approvals of the Vista Canyon Project, including approvals by the City
4 of Santa Clarita of its Resolution 11-23 (approving Master Case 07-127 [General Plan Amendment
5 07-001A, Vista Canyon Specific Plan 07-001, Tentative Tract Map 69164, Conditional Use Permit
6 07-009, and Oak Tree Permit 07-019]); and of Ordinance No. 11-10 (approving the Pre-Zone 07-001A
7 for the Vista Canyon Project). Each of these resolutions is remanded to Respondents for
8 reconsideration.

9 2. Set aside their approval of Resolution No. 11-25 as to the annexation of the Vista
10 Canyon site into the City of Santa Clarita; provided, however, that nothing shall require the Los
11 Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission to act in any way. This resolution is remanded
12 to Respondents for reconsideration.

13 3. Set aside their approval of Resolution 11-21 certifying the Final Environmental Impact
14 Report (EIR) for the Vista Canyon project. This resolution is remanded to Respondents for
15 reconsideration.

16 Respondents and Real Party in Interest and their respective agents, officers, and employees,
17 and all persons acting on the behalf of or in concert with any of the foregoing, are enjoined from
18 taking any action to implement the Vista Canyon Project that requires approval by the City of Santa
19 Clarita under one or more of the resolutions or ordinances ordered to be set aside or which may result
20 in any change or alteration to the physical environment, unless and until Respondents have
21 reconsidered their resolutions and ordinances and the environmental impact report for the Vista
22 Canyon Project and have brought them into compliance with the requirements of the California
23 Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by correcting the deficiencies identified by the Court in its
24 Statement of Decision.

25 Nothing in this Writ directs Respondents to exercise their lawful discretion in any particular
26 way (Public Resources Code section 21168.9(c)). Nor does anything in this Writ apply to any
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1 geotechnical investigation, or routine maintenance, or to any application for funding for a Metrolink
2 station in the project area.


3 The Court retains jurisdiction over Respondents and their proceedings by way of return to this
4 Writ setting forth what Respondents have done to comply herewith until the Court has determined
5 that Respondents have complied with CEQA and until Respondents have certified an EIR that
6 complies with CEQA. Pending such determination and certification, Respondents are prohibited from
7 any physical change to the environment and from any action that may prejudice the consideration and
8 implemental of alternative measures or implementation of alternatives or mitigation measures for or in
9 furtherance of the Vista Canyon Project.

10 Respondents shall file a Return to this Writ within sixty days after the date of its issuance,
11 setting forth those actions they have taken to comply with this Writ, or that an appeal from the
12 Judgment herein has been or will be timely filed. Any objection to said Return shall be filed not later
13 than the thirtieth day after the date of service of the Return.

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DATED: JULY 8, 2013

WILIAM MITCHELL,
ACTING CLERK OF THE COURT

By , Deputy Clerk