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Jeremy Standerfer  
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Dear Mr. Standerfer:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed condominium development, "The Fairmount". Our only comment is in regards to the type of concrete that may be used within the development's common areas and driving lanes. Inland Empire Waterkeeper is a strong supporter of pervious pavement, and in particular pervious concrete as a method of reducing polluted urban runoff and recharging our aquifers.

The project proponent and project engineers are encouraged to look at [www.concreteresources.net](http://www.concreteresources.net) and the information provided by the Pacific Southwest Concrete Alliance, the California Nevada Cement Association, or the National Asphalt Pavement Association. Thirty years of research from Florida to Japan has demonstrated successful infiltration of urban runoff with pervious pavement for typical storm events. Installing pervious pavement (in areas other than the parking structure of course) will likely satisfy urban runoff attenuation requirements posed by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. Likewise, I am pleased to see a minimal amount of grass and water-consumptive plants on the plans, hopefully in recognition of our desert environment.

Inland Empire Waterkeeper would be happy to collaborate with the project proponent to provide improvements to said plans in terms of stormwater and nuisance runoff management, which in light of the ongoing water availability crisis and poor water quality in the River, may be prudent.

Sincerely,

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