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CONCERNS REGARDING THE COLLEGE AFFILIATION PROGRAM AND CONSTRUCTION AT THE DEL VALLE REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER

This memorandum is to inform your Honorable Board of two issues currently facing the Los Angeles County Fire Department (Department). The first issue is an audit being conducted by the State Chancellor's Office. The second issue pertains to the issue of surface rights to construct facilities at the Del Valle Regional Training Center.

COLLEGE AFFILIATION PROGRAM

The Department participates in a College Affiliation Program (CAP) with the Santa Clarita Community College District (College District). Through the CAP, the Department has an Instructional Service Agreement, which allows the Department to provide technical course instruction to Department personnel in exchange for revenue from the State of California.

Recently, an anonymous complaint was filed with the State Controller's Office which alleged improprieties within the CAP. The State Controller's Office delegated the complaint to the State Chancellor's Office who hired an independent auditor to audit the CAP.

The Department has been working closely with the College District and College of the Canyons and is fully cooperating with the auditors. In anticipation of the auditors' findings, the Department is proactively revising its instructor qualifications, updating course curriculum, and implementing a new course tracking mechanism.

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DEL VALLE REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER

In 2008, the Department and the College District entered into a Board-approved Joint-Use Agreement governing the design and construction of a \$22 million expansion and improvement of public safety training facilities at the Del Valle Regional Training Center. Recently, during a thorough review of existing agreements by the Chief Executive Office's Real Estate Division (RED), it was discovered that in order to fulfill the conditions of the Joint-Use Agreement, the Department must obtain additional surface rights from the successor to the oil company that the County acquired the land from in 1986.

Since the discovery, the Department has been working in collaboration with staff from the Chief Executive Office, County Counsel, Public Works, and interested parties to resolve outstanding issues and take necessary steps to complete the improvements provided for in the Joint-Use Agreement.

I will provide your Board with an update on these two very important issues within 60 days. If you have any questions, please contact me at (323) 881-6180.

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