

**STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS ADDENDUM**  
**Crystal Geyser Roxane Beverage Bottling Plant**

*The following is an addendum to the Crystal Geyser Roxane project, Conditional Use Permit #2001-19/, General Plan Amendment #2001-03/, and Zone Reclassification #2001-04/Crystal Geyser Roxane, Statement of Overriding Considerations*

Page 3, (after Mohave ground squirrel discussion) the following is added:

**Groundwater:** Pumping of groundwater for the proposed project could lower the water table in the vicinity and impact Olancha Spring and its water-dependent vegetation. The specific mitigation measures proposed, which are also Conditions of Approval are as follows:

- Because of the biological significance of the spring, and the uncertainty over potential impacts of groundwater withdrawal from the CG-2 production well on the spring, the applicant shall conduct a program of groundwater and spring monitoring. Shallow observation or monitoring wells (20 foot deep) shall be established in the groundwater body supplying the spring and both sides of the fault to determine if the CG-2 production well is impacting the spring. A baseline of spring flow shall also be established. Monitoring shall be conducted quarterly for a minimum of 5 years, after installation of all wells on the site, with an annual report filed with the Inyo County Planning Department and Inyo County Water Department on the results of the monitoring, along with any conclusions and recommendations. If possible, the monitoring information shall be integrated into the spring monitoring database maintained by the Inyo County Water Department.
- The applicant shall ensure that monitoring well information shall be interpreted in conjunction with an analysis of rainfall patterns and trends in other shallow zone wells and spring observations being conducted by LADWP and Inyo County throughout Owens Valley, to verify that changes in spring flow and water levels in the perched water table are a result of the project, and not due to climatic fluctuations, fault movement, or other causes. Inyo County's Green Book shall be used as the basis for procedures for establishing the monitoring program and interpreting results, and developing follow up mitigations. If the data analysis shows that the CG-2 production well is having an effect on the spring, then the applicant shall develop a mitigation plan to offset the impacts. Suitable mitigations for minor impacts on flow could include enhancing, restoring, and protecting other natural springs and seeps located on the west side of the Owens Valley.

- In order to recognize a change in the wetland vegetation or wildlife populations that might be caused by the project, the applicant shall document baseline information on the current conditions at the spring, prior to project pumping. The baseline biological document shall include low level aerial photography of the spring to document the extent of the wetland vegetation; a survey to determine the plant species composition and structure at the spring; and a survey to obtain a population estimate for the Owens Valley vole and to determine if Wong's springsnail occurs. If the long term monitoring indicates biological impacts are occurring due to pumping, then the applicant shall be required to reduce pumping to a level that does not create such impacts, or provide other appropriate compensatory mitigations measures to the satisfaction of the CDFG and Inyo County, including enhancing and restoring other springs in southwest Owens Valley.

Page 3, the paragraph beginning with: "Even with the proposed mitigation measures, significant impacts to visual, *groundwater*, [added] and biological resources will still exist."