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**Placer and Napa County Planning Commission Successes
for TLA Engineering & Planning**

Roseville, CA – November 2008 – TLA Engineering & Planning Inc. (TLA) is pleased to report our recent success both locally and out of town. In September, TLA took the Hill Top Center (a 142 room Marriott Hotel and mixed use commercial center) to the Placer County Planning Commission and obtained a unanimous approval. Although approvals at the Planning Commission are not out of the norm, of note with this project is the fact that TLA processed this project in Placer County from application to hearing in six (6) months. The project was somewhat controversial in that the adjacent residential neighborhood considered the project a threat to their lifestyle and well being. TLA engaged in a number of public outreach efforts on a community and individual scale. TLA effectively defused a number of neighbor concerns using negotiation techniques gained through years of experience, a smile and good faith. After two hours of Municipal Advisory Committee testimony and an hour and a half of Planning Commission testimony, the approval arrived with no appeal to the Board of Supervisors.

In October, TLA took the Greenwood Commerce Center (375,000± square feet of industrial/warehouse space) to the Napa County Planning Commission and similarly obtained a unanimous approval with no appeal. Napa County has long been a hotbed of environmental activism, but once again TLA processed this project from application to hearing in just six (6) months. Later, our Client was approached by a long-time Napa County hearing attendee who was again present at the Planning Commission. The attendee commented to our Client regarding the professionalism of his consultant team, indicating it was one of the most effective presentations he had seen in Napa County.

In summary, this highlights how TLA can seamlessly and successfully transport services to other jurisdictions in the state of California.

TLA Engineering & Planning, Inc., based in Roseville, California, is a design and engineering firm dedicated to providing a full-range of services to private and public Clients. Established in 1985, the firm specializes in planning, designing, engineering and managing projects that range from small residential developments and mixed use projects to large master planned communities. Experience earned over many years and across all varieties of development projects provides the necessary foundation for a wide range of capabilities. Each project is undertaken with an eye towards providing solutions that allow projects to proceed smoothly. Our extensive work with government agencies provides Clients with a knowledgeable ally in moving a project through to completion. TLA's particular expertise in hydrology and hydraulic engineering has been valuable in our work throughout the Northern California region.

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