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DECLARATION

OF

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This Declaration contains alternative dispute resolution procedures that includes a waiver of a trial by a jury. See the Claims Procedures in Exhibit A. You are advised to read these procedures carefully and consult with legal counsel if you have any questions.

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**DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS (CC&Rs)**

**THIS DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS (CC&Rs)** is executed by PACIFIC PENINSULA GROUP, a California corporation (the "Declarant") with reference to the following facts:

- A. Declarant is constructing a residential development in multiple phases as a part of the Whitehawk Ranch development. The first phase consists of Lots 1 through 22 described on the subdivision map entitled "Whitehawk Ranch Phase IX, Unit No. 3A" filed in the records of Plumas County, California, on July 26, 2002, in Book 9 of Maps at pages 64 through 66.
- B. Hawk Ridge is a part of the larger Whitehawk Ranch development. The Whitehawk Ranch Homeowners Association, a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation (the "Master Association") owns, manages and maintains the private streets within Whitehawk Ranch. Owners of lots within Hawk Ridge will be members of the Master Association as well as the Hawk Ridge Owners Association, a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation, that will maintain the landscaping and certain portions of the residences within Hawk Ridge.
- C. Declarant desires to impose certain restrictions on the lots in the development that will benefit and bind each lot, and each owner and successive owner thereto, as covenants running with the land and equitable servitudes, to describe certain easements that will be appurtenant to the lots and/or in favor of the homeowners association, and to establish a planned development within the meaning of Civil Code section 1351(k).
- D. The restrictions, rights and duties described herein will benefit and bind the lots in Phase 1 on the recordation of this Declaration and each subsequent phase on the recordation of a declaration of annexation annexing that phase into the development.

**DECLARANT DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:**

ARTICLE 1 - Definitions

Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms shall have the following definitions:

- 1.1 Articles. The Articles of Incorporation of the Association and any amendments thereto.

- 1.2 Association. Hawk Ridge Owners Association, a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation.
- 1.3 Board. The Board of Directors of the Association.
- 1.4 Bylaws. The Bylaws of the Association and any amendments thereto.
- 1.5 Common Area. Lot A as shown on the Map, and any additional common area lots that may be annexed into the Development as described in **Article 13**.
- 1.6 Declarant. Pacific Peninsula Group, a California corporation, or any successor or assign that assumes in writing all or a portion of the rights and duties of the Declarant hereunder. There may be more than one Declarant.
- 1.7 Declaration. This Declaration of Restrictions (CC&Rs) and any amendments or corrections thereto.
- 1.8 Development. The residential development known as Hawk Ridge at Whitehawk Ranch, including the Residential Lots, the Common Area, and all Improvements thereon.
- 1.9 Governing Documents. This Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws and the Rules.
- 1.10 Improvements. Any fixtures affixed to any Lot or Common Area in the Development within the meaning of Civil Code section 660.
- 1.11 Lot or Residential Lot. Lots 1 through 22 as shown on the Map and all Improvements thereon, and any additional residential lots that may be subsequently annexed into the Development as described in **Article 13** and any improvements thereon.
- 1.12 Map. The subdivision map entitled "Whitehawk Ranch Phase IX, Unit 3A" filed for record in Plumas County, California, on July 26, 2002, in Book 9 of Maps at pages 64 through 66, including any subsequently-recorded amended final maps, parcel maps, certificates of correction, lot-line adjustments, and/or records of survey. "Map" also shall mean any other recorded subdivision maps describing property that may be subsequently annexed into the Development as described in **Article 13**.
- 1.13 Master Association. The Whitehawk Ranch Homeowners Association, a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation.
- 1.14 Master Association Board. The Board of Directors of the Master Association.
- 1.15 Master Declaration. The Declaration of Whitehawk Ranch (Planned Development) recorded on September 11, 1991, as Document No. 7024 in Book 554 at page 576 in the Office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California and amended by the "First Amendment" recorded on March 25, 1993, as Document No. 1946 in Book 596 at page 315 in the Office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California; and any subsequent amendments thereto.
- 1.16 Member. A member of the Association.
- 1.17 Mortgage. A recorded mortgage or deed of trust against one or more Lots in the Development.
- 1.18 Mortgagee. A mortgagee under a Mortgage or a beneficiary under a deed of trust recorded against a Lot in the Development.

1.19 Owner. The record fee title owner or owners of a Lot in the Development.

1.20 Person. Any natural person, partnership, trust, corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity.

1.21 Property. The land and Improvements shown on the Map.

1.22 Rules. Rules or regulations adopted by the Board from time to time pursuant to the authority of **Section 5.6(ii)**.

## ARTICLE 2 - Property Rights and Easements

2.1 Type of Development. This Development is a planned development within the meaning of Civil Code section 1351(k). Phase 1 shall consist of the Common Area and 22 Residential Lots. If all the subsequent phases are annexed into the Development as described in **Article 13**, the Development may consist of 72 Residential Lots and all Improvements thereon. Declarant has no obligation to annex any subsequent phase into the Development.

2.2 Property Rights. Each Owner shall own a fee title interest in a Residential Lot and shall be a Member of the Association and the Master Association. The Association shall own the fee title interest in the Common Area (Lot A) and the Master Association shall own the fee title in the roadway identified as "Hawk Ridge" on the Map.

2.3 Boundary Line Easements. As a part of the original construction of the Development, Declarant has constructed or will construct certain residential Improvements on or within three feet of the boundary line of an adjoining Lot. Each Lot on which such Improvements are constructed as the dominant tenement has an easement over the adjoining Lot as the servient tenement for purposes of maintaining, repairing and replacing any encroachments (such as roof overhangs) into the servient tenement and for purposes of access to that portion of the servient tenement as may be reasonably necessary to maintain (including repainting), repair or replace any portion of any Improvement on the dominant tenement that is located on or within three feet of the common boundary line. Prior to entering the servient tenement for purposes of maintenance, repair or replacement, the Owner or occupant of the dominant tenement shall provide the Owner or occupant of the servient tenement with at least three days' prior notice except in the event of an emergency.

2.4 Shared Walls, Roofs and Foundations. As part of the original construction of the Development, Declarant constructed walls, roofs and foundations on or about the common boundary line between two adjoining Lots that are used by or are a part of the structural Improvements on both Lots, which Improvements are to be shared by the adjoining Lot Owners. For purposes herein, these shared Improvements shall consist only of that portion of the Improvement that is located on or about the common boundary line or is an integral and dependent part of the Improvement located on or about the common boundary line. For example, any portion of a foundation not located on or about the common boundary line and not an integral and dependent part of that portion of the foundation located on or about the common boundary line shall not be a shared foundation.

Except to the extent that the shared Improvements are maintained by the Association as described in **Section 4.2**, the adjoining Owners shall jointly share the maintenance and repair of the shared Improvements. The cost of the maintenance and repair shall be allocated equally between the Lots unless the circumstances warrant a different allocation for a fair and equitable allocation of such costs. Each Lot as a dominant tenement shall have an easement over the adjoining Lot as the servient tenement for access to that portion of the servient tenement as may



be reasonably necessary to maintain, repair or replace the shared Improvement. Any dispute between the adjoining Lot Owners regarding the need for maintenance or repair of any shared Improvement, the quality or type of maintenance or repair, the allocation of costs, or any related issues shall be submitted to Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services ("JAMS") any successor thereto, or any other dispute resolution provider acceptable to the parties for resolution. The dispute first shall be submitted to non-binding mediation for resolution. If the dispute cannot be resolved through mediation, the dispute shall be submitted to binding arbitration. Unless the parties agree otherwise, the dispute shall be heard by a single arbitrator in the county where the Development is located. In the arbitration proceeding, each party shall have full discovery rights as authorized by Code of Civil Procedure section 1283.05 or any successor statute thereto. The decision of the arbitrator shall be binding on the parties and may be enforced in any court of appropriate jurisdiction. The arbitrator in his or her discretion may award costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, to the prevailing party.

2.5 Drainage Easement. Each Lot and the Common Area as the servient tenement are subject to an easement in favor of each other Lot and the Common Area as the dominant tenement for the retention, maintenance, repair or replacement of any storm drainage system installed on the servient tenement as a part of the original construction of the Development. Each Owner shall maintain and repair that portion of the drainage system located on the Owner's Lot. Each Owner shall at all times keep the drainage system and any intake drains, catch basins or area basins free and clear of debris at all times, and no Owner shall take any action that would in any manner interfere with the operation of the system. No Owner shall alter the grading on any Residential Lot without the prior consent of the Board.

2.6 Encroachment Easement. Each Lot and the Common Area as the dominant tenement has an easement over any adjoining Lot or Common Area as the servient tenement for the purpose of accommodating any encroachment of roof overhangs, porches, decks, staircases, windows, chimneys or other residential structure Improvements resulting from the original construction of the Improvements, settlement or shifting of structures, minor original construction changes during the course of construction, and any encroachment easements granted in accordance with **Section 2.12**. The extent of the encroachment easement shall be the location of the encroaching structure as originally constructed by Declarant. If a structure on any Lot is partially or totally destroyed, the structure may be repaired or rebuilt in accordance with the original plans, including the replacement of any encroaching Improvement.

2.7 Maintenance and Repair Easement. Each Lot as the servient tenement is subject to an easement in favor of each other Lot as the dominant tenement for purposes of providing the agents of the Association such access as may be necessary to perform the Association's maintenance and repair duties as described in **Section 4.2**.

2.8 Snow Shedding Easement. Each Lot and the Common Area as the dominant tenement has an easement over each other Lot or Common Area as the servient tenement for the purpose of accommodating the shedding of snow from any Improvement or vegetation on the dominant tenement onto any portion of the servient tenement. No Owner shall be responsible for any damage or injury resulting from the shedding of snow onto an adjoining property unless caused by the wilful act or omission of the Owner or the Owner's family or guests or the gross negligence of the Owner or the Owner's family or guests.

2.9 Other Easements. Each Lot and the Common Area are subject to such other easement(s), rights-of-way, or dedications as may be granted or reserved on the Map, any deed to the Lot or Common Area, or any other appropriate public record.

2.10 Appurtenant Easements. Each easement described herein is an easement that is appurtenant to the dominant tenement, and any transfer of the dominant tenement automatically transfers the easement appurtenant thereto regardless of whether the instrument of transfer describes the easement.

2.11 Reservation of Rights. Notwithstanding any property rights, including easements, granted or reserved herein, each Lot and the Common Area, as the case may be, are subject to each of the following:

(i) the right of Declarant or its agents to enter on any portion of the Development to construct the Improvements that Declarant intends to construct on the Property, to advertise and sell Lots in the Development, to make repairs, and to correct any construction problems thereon, provided that such entry does not unreasonably interfere with the use or occupancy of any occupied Lot unless authorized by its Owner, which authorization shall not be unreasonably withheld;

(ii) the right of the Association's agents to enter any Lot to cure any violation or breach of this Declaration or the Bylaws or the Rules, provided that at least 30 days' prior written notice of such violation or breach (except in the cases of emergency) has been given to the Owner and provided that within the 30-day period such Owner has not acted to cure such violation or breach;

(iii) the right of the Association's agents to enter any Lot to perform its obligations and duties under this Declaration, including the obligations and the duties with respect to maintenance or repair of any Improvement or landscaping located on the Lot;

(iv) the rights reserved in **Sections 2.12, 2.14, and 12.11**; and

(v) the right of the Association to adopt and enforce Rules as described in **Section 5.6.**

2.12 Authority Over Common Area. The Board or Declarant (as long as Declarant owns 25% or more of the Lots in the Development) shall have the power and the right in the name of the Association and all of the Owners as their attorney-in-fact, to grant, convey or otherwise transfer to any Owner or any other Person fee title, easements, leasehold estates, exclusive use easements or rights, licenses, lot-line adjustments, rights-of-way and/or dedications in, on, over or under the Common Area or other property, in order to: (i) construct, erect, operate, maintain or replace lines, cables, wires, conduits or other devices for electricity, cable television, internet services, fiber optics, telecommunication equipment, power, telephone and other purposes, public sewers, storm water drains and pipes, water systems, sprinkling systems, water, heating and gas lines or pipes and any similar public or quasi-public Improvements or facilities; (ii) accommodate any encroachment that in the sole discretion of the Board or Declarant does not unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of the Common Area; or (iii) accomplish any other purpose that in the sole discretion of the Board or Declarant is in the interest of the Association and its Members and does not unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of the Common Area. Each Owner in accepting a deed to a Lot expressly consents to such action and authorizes and appoints the Association and Declarant (as long as Declarant owns 25% or more of the Lots in the Development) as attorney-in-fact of such Owner to execute and deliver all documents and interests to accomplish the action, including, but not limited to, grant deeds, easements, subdivision maps, and lot-line adjustments. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in no event shall the Board or Declarant take any action authorized hereunder that would permanently and unreasonably interfere with the use, occupancy and enjoyment by any Owner of his or her Lot without the prior written consent of that Owner. Furthermore, the conveyance of fee title to any portion of the Common Area as authorized in this **Section 2.12** (other than conveyances made as a part of lot-line adjustments) shall require the consent of a majority of the total voting power of the Association other than Declarant.

2.13 Delegation of Use Rights. An Owner's family members and guests and any such other Persons as may be permitted by the Rules may use and enjoy any Common Area Improvements. All such use shall be subject to restrictions contained in this Declaration and the Rules. If an Owner has rented his or her Lot, the Owner, members of the Owner's family and the

Owner's guest shall not be entitled to use any Common Area Improvements other than such use as is directly related to the Owner's rights and duties as a landlord. Such rights may be enjoyed by the tenant or the tenant's family members and guests.

Any Owner who rents his or her Lot must comply with the requirements of **Section 3.2**.

2.14 Conveyance of Common Area. The Common Area shall be conveyed to the Association on or before the date the Declarant first conveys title to a Lot. The Common Area as the servient tenement is subject to the rights reserved in **Section 2.11** and to an easement in favor of each Lot as the dominant tenement and any property that may be annexed into the Development as described in **Article 13** for ingress and egress over the driveways and walkways situated within the Common Area, for support from any Common Area land adjacent to any Improvements on any Lot, and for access to and use of (including the right to install, maintain, repair or replace) any utility lines, cables, wires, pipes, meters or other equipment installed within, on or over the servient tenement in order to provide utility or related service to the dominant tenement, including water, electricity, telephone, gas, cable television, fiber optic cable, and sanitary sewer or storm drainage lines and equipment, and for access to and use of the Common Area by Declarant and its subcontractors and agents to construct, maintain and sell the Lots. The rights retained by Declarant and its subcontractors and agents include the right to restrict access to any portion of the Common Area that is undergoing construction or development activity for safety or other reasons by the construction of fences or other barriers, or by the adoption of such other measures that restrict access to authorized personnel only, and the right to use portions of the Common Area as a staging or storage areas for materials and equipment to be used in connection with the construction of Improvements within the Development and to restrict access thereto by means of a fence or otherwise. The Board may adopt Rules regulating the use of the Common Area provided such Rules do not interfere with the exercise of the foregoing easement rights and are consistent with the restrictions contained in this Declaration.

2.15 Construction Activity. Each Owner acknowledges that: (i) the construction of the Development may occur over an extended period of time; (ii) the quiet use and enjoyment of the Owner's Lot may be disturbed as a result of the noise, dust, vibrations and other effects of construction activities; and (iii) the disturbance may continue until the completion of the construction of the Development.

2.16 Assumption of Golf Course Risks. By acceptance of a deed to a Lot, each Owner acknowledges that owning property adjacent to a golf course is subject to each of the following risks and that the Owner assumes each of these risks: (i) the risk of damage to property or injury to persons and animals from golf balls hit on, across or over an Owner's Lot or other portions of the Development; (ii) the entry by golfers onto Owner's Lot or other portions of the Development to retrieve golf balls; (iii) overspray in connection with the watering or fertilizing of the roughs, fairways and greens on the golf course; (iv) noise from golf course maintenance and operation equipment (including, without limitation, compressors, blowers, mulchers, tractors, utility vehicles and pumps, all of which may be operated at all times of the day and night and/or continuously, and noise associated with players using the golf course); (v) the use of fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals on the golf course; (vi) odors arising from irrigation and fertilization of the turf situated on the golf course; and (vii) disturbance and loss of privacy resulting from golf cart traffic and golfers. Additionally, each Owner acknowledges and understands that pesticides and chemicals may be applied to the golf course throughout the year and that reclaimed water, treated wastewater, or other sources of non-potable water may be used for irrigation of the golf course.

Each Owner expressly assumes such detriments and risks and agrees that neither Declarant nor the golf course owner or operator, nor any director, officer, manager, employee or agent thereof, nor any of their successors or assigns, shall be liable to the Owner or occupant of any Lot, or any family member, guest, employee or agent, or anyone else claiming any loss or damage, including, without limitation, indirect, special or consequential loss or damage arising from

personal injury, destruction of property, damage or injury caused by errant golf balls, trespass or any other alleged wrong or entitlement to remedy based upon, due to, arising from, or otherwise related to the proximity of the Owner's Lot or residence to the golf course. Each Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless Declarant and the golf course owner and operator, and their successors and assigns, against any and all such claims by Owner's family members, invitees or agents. The Owner's foregoing indemnity obligations shall not exceed the amount of liability insurance maintained by the Owner at the time the event occurred that gave rise to the Owner's indemnity obligations.

2.17 Appearance of Golf Course and Golf Course Views. Each Owner acknowledges, understands and agrees that no Owner shall have any right to compel the golf course owner or operator to maintain the golf course or any improvements thereon to any particular standard of care and that the appearance of the golf course and improvements shall be determined in the sole discretion of the golf course owner. Further, the golf course owner shall have no obligation to route or reroute any holes because of the proximity of any Lot to the golf course and no obligation to maintain views of the golf course.

2.18 Golf Course Easements. There is reserved for the benefit of the golf course owner, and its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive right and easement appurtenant to the golf course property as the dominant tenement over each Residential Lot as the servient tenement for purposes of overspray in connection with the watering, spraying and fertilizing of the roughs, fairways, tees and greens on the golf course and for the intrusion of golf balls onto, across or over the servient tenement from the roughs, fairways, tees and greens on the golf course. Any Person for whose benefit the right and easement for overspray and intrusion is reserved shall not be liable to any Owner for any damage to person or property occasioned by such overspray or intrusion unless occasioned by the intentional act of such Person. The rights and easements reserved by this section shall be for the benefit of the golf course owner and its successors and assigns and for the benefit of their employees, contractors, agents, guests, invitees, licensees or members.

Nothing herein grants any user of the golf course the right to enter any Lot to retrieve a golf ball. Each Lot Owner acknowledges, understands and agrees, however, that regardless of their lack of any right to do so, users from time to time may enter the Lots for the purpose of retrieving golf balls and that neither the golf course owner nor Declarant shall have any responsibility or liability in connection with any such wrongful entry.

2.19 Master Declaration and Master Association. Each Lot in this Development is subject to the Master Declaration, and each Lot Owner shall be a member of the Master Association. The Master Declaration imposes certain use restrictions and architectural controls over the residential properties within the Whitehawk Ranch development. The Lots within this Development are subject to these use restrictions and architectural controls. The Master Association will own and maintain certain private streets and related Improvements and will own and/or maintain certain open space areas within the Whitehawk Ranch development including the roadway shown as "Hawk Ridge" on the Map. The Master Association shall levy assessments against the residential properties, including the Lots within this Development, to fund its maintenance and administrative operations. These assessments are in addition to the assessments levied by the Association as described in this Declaration.

If there is a conflict between any use restriction imposed by the Master Declaration and any use restriction contained herein, the stricter restriction shall control.

### ARTICLE 3 - Restrictions

3.1 Residential Use. Each Lot shall be used for residential purposes only; and no part of the Development shall be used or caused, allowed or authorized to be used in any way, directly or indirectly, for any business, commercial, manufacturing, mercantile, storing, vending or other nonresidential purpose. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Owners or occupants of the Lots may use a room or rooms in the residence as an office, provided that the primary use of the Lot is as a residence, no advertising or signage is used in any manner in connection with the office use, no customers, clients or patients enter the Lot on any regular basis, and the use is in compliance with all local ordinances. The Board shall have the authority to adopt Rules regarding the use of offices within the Development in order to maintain the residential characteristics of the Development. The use of Lots by the Declarant or its designees as models and sales and construction offices for purposes of developing, improving and selling the Lots in the Development shall not be a violation of this restriction, provided that such use shall terminate no later than three years after the date of recordation of this Declaration or any declaration of annexation annexing property in any additional phase into this Development, whichever occurs first.

3.2 Renting. The Owner may rent his or her Lot provided each of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (i) the rental agreement must be in writing;
- (ii) the rental agreement must contain a provision that the rental agreement is subject to this Declaration, the Bylaws and the Rules and that any violation of any of the foregoing shall be a default under the rental agreement; and
- (iii) before commencement of the rental agreement, the Owner shall provide the Association with the names of the tenants and each family member who will reside on the Lot.

Any Owner who rents his or her Lot shall keep the Association informed at all times of the Owner's address and telephone number. Any rental agreement shall be subject to this Declaration, the Bylaws and the Rules; and any breach of any of the foregoing shall constitute a breach by the Owner and also a default under the rental agreement, regardless of whether it so provides in the rental agreement. If any tenant breaches any restriction contained in this Declaration, the Bylaws or the Rules, the Owner, on demand from the Association, immediately shall take such steps as may be necessary to correct the breach, including, if necessary, eviction of the tenant.

3.3 Nuisance. No activity shall be conducted on any Lot or Common Area that constitutes a nuisance or unreasonably interferes with the use or quiet enjoyment of the occupants of any other Lot.

3.4 Vehicle and Parking Restrictions. No mobile home, camper or recreational vehicle, boat, truck or similar equipment shall be parked within the Development unless parked within an enclosed garage. For purposes herein, "truck" does not include a pickup truck that does not exceed three-quarter ton or a sports utility vehicle. In addition, trucks may park on a temporary basis for delivery or pickup purposes.

No vehicle shall be parked on any Lot or Common Area in a manner that would block or interfere with vehicular ingress or egress to the garage on any neighboring Lot.

No garage parking space may be converted into any use that would prevent its use for parking the number of vehicles the garage was designed to contain.

3.5 Animals. Normal and customary household pets may be maintained within the Development in compliance with all local ordinances and the following conditions:

(i) there shall be no more than (a) two dogs; or (b) two cats; or (c) one dog and one cat maintained by the occupants of any one residence unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Board;

(ii) no animal shall be maintained for any commercial purposes;

(iii) the use of the Common Area by pets shall be subject to such regulations as may be adopted by the Board;

(iv) the Owner immediately shall clean up after his or her pet; and

(v) the Owner shall be responsible for any damage to any Common Area caused by any animal maintained on the Owner's Lot.

The Board, after notice and a hearing, may require the permanent removal from the Development of any animal that the Board, in its discretion, determines is a nuisance, a danger to the health or safety of any occupant, or otherwise interferes with the quiet use and enjoyment of occupants of any Lot. The Board may find that an animal is a nuisance if the animal or its owner continue to violate the Rules regulating pets after receipt of a demand from the Board to comply with the Rules.

3.6 Television or Radio Equipment. No television, video or radio poles, antennae, satellite dishes, cables or other transmission and/or reception fixtures or personal property (individually and collectively the "Television/Radio Equipment") shall be installed or maintained on any Lot except as follows:

(i) Television/Radio Equipment that is one meter or less in length or diameter or diagonal measurement, provided that the location, color and screening requirements shall be in accordance with any guidelines imposed by the Master Association or its architectural review committee, which guidelines shall comply with applicable State and federal laws regulating restrictions on Television/Radio Equipment; and

(ii) Television/Radio Equipment not covered under subparagraph (i) above, the installation of which is approved in advance by the Master Association or its architectural review committee.

Nothing herein shall be construed to restrict in any manner Declarant's or the Board's right to authorize a cable television franchisee or other provider of similar services to provide cable television, satellite dish, radio or other similar services to the Development.

3.7 Signs. Subject to the provisions of **Section 12.11**, no sign of any kind shall be displayed from any Lot that is visible from the Common Area or any other Lot except the following:

(i) any sign not exceeding 2½ feet by 2½ feet advertising the Lot for sale or for rent, provided that no more than one such sign is used and the sign is situated on the Lot that is to be sold or rented; or

(ii) any sign approved by the Master Association or its architectural review committee either on an individual basis or pursuant to Rules adopted by the Master Association or its architectural review committee.

3.8 Clothesline. No exterior clothesline shall be erected or maintained on any Lot; and there shall be no exterior drying or laundering of clothes on any balcony, patio, porch or other outside area of any Lot.

3.9 Window Coverings. The interior surfaces of all windows shall not be covered with any materials other than normal and customary window coverings such as curtains, drapes, shutters or blinds. The exterior side of window coverings shall be white, off-white, muted, or wood colored unless approved otherwise in writing by the Master Association or its architectural review committee.

3.10 Subdivision. No Lot shall be subdivided into two or more lots without the prior written consent of the Association.

3.11 Automobile Maintenance. There shall be no maintenance (other than vehicle washing and cleanup) or repairs performed on any automobile except within an enclosed garage or except for any emergency repairs that are necessary in order to remove the vehicle to a proper repair facility.

3.12 Alterations, Modifications or Additions. There shall be no alterations, modifications or additions made to any Lot or any Improvement thereon except in compliance with the provisions of the Master Association or its architectural review committee.

3.13 Compliance with Law. No Owner shall permit anything to be done or kept in his or her Lot that violates any law, ordinance, statute, rule or regulation of any local, county, state or federal agency. Nothing shall be done or kept in any Lot that might increase the rate of or cause the cancellation of any insurance maintained by the Association.

3.14 Sound Transmissions. No residential structure shall be altered in any manner that would increase sound transmissions, resonances or reverberations to any adjoining or other Unit, including, but not limited to, the replacement, modification or penetration of any wall that increases sound transmissions, resonances or reverberations to any other residential structure.

3.15 Deck Restrictions and Bicycle Storage. Decks may contain normal and customary patio furniture, plants, planter boxes, barbecues, and other items as may be authorized by the Master Association or its architectural review committee. Under no circumstances shall the decks be used for storage, including the storage of bicycles. All bicycles are to be stored within an enclosed garage.

#### ARTICLE 4 - Maintenance and Repair Obligations

4.1 Owner's Maintenance Obligations. Except for that portion of any Lot maintained by the Association, each Owner shall maintain his or her Lot and all Improvements thereon in good condition and repair at all times. Each Owner shall be responsible for structural repairs to any Improvement, including the foundation, siding and roof (except replacement of roofing materials). Shared Improvements with adjoining Lot Owners shall be maintained as described in Section 2.4. Each Owner shall have the Improvements on the Owner's Lot periodically inspected for wood-destroying pests or organisms and, if necessary, immediately shall take appropriate corrective action therefor. Each Owner shall clean, maintain, repair and replace (when necessary) any windows and doors (including garage doors), door hardware, and garage door operating equipment. Each Owner shall maintain the air conditioning equipment servicing the Owner's Lot, including the condenser whether located within the Lot or Common Area.

In order to reduce the presence of molds, fungi, spores, pollen, other botanical substances, or other allergen within the residence (collectively "Mold"), Owners shall perform each of the following steps: (i) inspect the residence (both exterior and interior) not less frequently than once twice each year to check for water leaks or other breaches of the watertight integrity of the residence and for the presence of Mold; (ii) if any water leaks and/or Mold are detected, immediately take appropriate corrective steps to repair the leak and/or remove the Mold; (iii) maintain proper ventilation (particularly in bathrooms) and humidity levels to reduce the risk of Mold growth; (iv) periodically inspect refrigerator condensation pans, air conditioners (if applicable), and any other water-retaining appliances for the presence of Mold; (v) avoid carpeting or similar types of floor covering in bathrooms that may be conducive to Mold growth; (vi) replace heating and air conditioning filters not less frequently than quarterly or as recommended by the manufacturer; (vii) periodically inspect the ground surface around the foundation to ensure no water is pooling around or from the foundation; (viii) maintain rain gutters in a clean and proper operating condition at all times;; and (ix) take such other prudent steps as may be appropriate to prevent Mold growth or eliminate any existing Mold.

In addition to the foregoing, each Owner shall comply with each of the following in performing the Owner's maintenance obligations: (i) the Guidelines described in **Section 4.3**; and (ii) commonly-accepted homeowners' maintenance obligations.

If any portion of any Improvement on a Lot that is maintained by the Owner is damaged or destroyed as a result of a covered loss under the property insurance maintained by the Association as described in **Section 7.2**, the Association, on request from the Owner, immediately shall take the appropriate steps to process the necessary claim. On receipt of any insurance proceeds allocated to the Improvements maintained by the Owner, the Association shall distribute the proceeds to the Owner subject to the rights of the Owner's Mortgagee and subject to such reasonable terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Association to assure that the proceeds are used to make the necessary repair or restoration. For example, the Association may distribute the proceeds to an insurance trustee or financial institution for distribution in accordance with normal and customary construction loan practices.

If any Owner fails to maintain his or her Lot as required herein, the Association, after notice and hearing as described in the Bylaws, may, but is not obligated to, enter the Lot and perform the necessary maintenance and repair. The Association may levy a reimbursement assessment against the Lot in the manner described in **Section 6.5**.

4.2 Association's Maintenance Responsibilities. The Association shall maintain each of the following in good condition and repair at all times:

(i) the Common Area including the driveways, pathways and the lighting fixtures located therein,

(ii) the roof, rain gutters, downspouts, window frames, exterior door surfaces, siding and trim of each residence on a Lot and any outside detached low voltage lighting fixtures situated on a Lot and connected into the Common Area lights system. The Association's maintenance and repair responsibility shall be limited to the re-caulking and repainting or re-staining of the window frames and exterior door surfaces, wood siding and trim, periodically inspecting these surfaces for wood-destroying pests and organisms, taking appropriate corrective measures therefor, and the repairing or replacing of roofing and siding materials as often as the Board in its sole discretion considers necessary or advisable. All other maintenance, including all structural repairs (other than replacement of roofing or siding materials) and repair and replacement of any windows or exterior door hardware, shall be done by and at the expense of the Owner of the residence as described in **Section 4.1**;

(iii) the driveway apron within each Lot, provided that any asphalt pathways within the Lot shall be maintained by the Lot owner and not the Association



(iv) the landscaping located within each Lot. All landscaping to be maintained by the Association shall be maintained in a healthy and weed-free environment. The Association shall take appropriate steps to maintain the irrigation of the landscaping and to prevent damage resulting from misdirected and/or excessive watering.

In order to reduce the presence of molds, fungi, spores, pollens other botanical substances, or other allergens within any property maintained by the Association (collectively "Mold"), the Association shall perform each of the following steps: (i) inspect all Improvements maintained by the Association not less frequently than twice each year to check for water leaks or other breaches of the watertight integrity of the Improvements and for the presence of Mold; (ii) if any water leaks and/or Mold are detected, immediately take appropriate corrective steps to repair the leak and/or remove the Mold; (iii) periodically inspect the irrigation system to ensure proper water and to correct any leaks and/or misdirected or excessive watering; (iv) periodically inspect the ground surface around the foundation to ensure no water is pooling around or from the foundation; (v) maintain rain gutters in a clean and proper operating condition at all times; and (vi) take such other prudent steps as may be appropriate to prevent Mold growth or eliminate any existing Mold.

In addition to the foregoing, the Association shall comply with each of the following in performing the Association's maintenance obligations: (i) the Guidelines described in **Section 4.3**; and (ii) commonly-accepted homeowners' maintenance obligations.

**4.3 Inspection and Maintenance Guidelines and Schedules.** Declarant shall provide each Owner and the Association with inspection and maintenance guidelines and schedules, including manufacturers' guidelines and schedules, for the inspection and maintenance of certain Improvements and personal property situated within the Development (collectively the "Guidelines"). Each Owner and the Association shall retain the Guidelines and shall take all appropriate steps to implement and comply with the Guidelines as required herein. Each Owner, on the transfer of the Owner's Condominium, shall deliver the Guidelines or complete copies thereof to the transferee on or before title is transferred. Any Owner who did not receive the Guidelines or has misplaced the Guidelines may obtain replacement copies from Declarant by contacting Declarant at Declarant's principal place of business. Declarant may charge a reasonable fee for providing replacement copies.

**4.4 Trash Removal.** Each Lot Owner shall be responsible for the removal of all the trash and refuse from that Owner's Lot. Each Owner shall engage a trash removal service for the periodic removal from the Owner's Lot unless the Board approves some other arrangement in writing. All trash or refuse shall be kept only in sanitary containers, which containers shall be kept in the areas designated for such except on trash collection day if curbside service is provided.

**4.5 Cooperation and Access.** Each Owner and occupant shall fully cooperate with the agents of the Association in the performance of the Association's maintenance and repair obligations described in **Section 4.2** above. Such cooperation shall include, but is not limited to, immediate notification to the Board or its managing agent of any maintenance or repair problems for which the Association is responsible and access to the Owner's or occupant's Lot as may be necessary to inspect and, if appropriate, to perform any necessary maintenance or repairs.

**4.6 Reimbursement and Indemnification.** If the Association incurs any maintenance or repair costs because of the willful or negligent act or omission of any Owner or occupant or their family members, guests, agents or pets, the Association shall charge the cost to the Owner of the Lot responsible for the costs and may levy a reimbursement assessment as described in **Section 6.5**. The Owner immediately shall pay the charge or reimbursement assessment to the Association, together with interest thereon at the rate of 12% per annum, but not in excess of the maximum rate authorized by law. If the Owner disputes the charge, the Owner shall be entitled to notice and a hearing as provided in **Section 5.6(iv)**. The Association shall not charge the

Owner to the extent that the cost is met through insurance maintained by the Association. Any deductible amount shall be paid by the Owner.

Furthermore, the Owner shall defend, indemnify and hold the Association harmless from any claim, demand, liability or cost, including attorneys' fees arising from such damage, except to the extent the demand, claim, cost or liability is covered by insurance maintained by the Association. The Owner shall pay the amount of any deductible.

#### ARTICLE 5 - The Association

5.1 Formation of the Association. The Association is a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation formed under the laws of the State of California. The Association shall commence operations no later than the date that assessments commence. Pending the commencement of the Association's operations, Declarant shall perform the duties and shall have the rights of the Association as described herein.

5.2 Governing Body. The governing body of the Association shall be the Board. It shall be the responsibility of the Board to ensure that the Association exercises its rights and performs its duties as described within the Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws and any amendments thereto.

5.3 Membership. Each Owner of a fee title interest in a Lot automatically shall be a Member of the Association. If there is more than one fee title Owner of a Lot, each Owner shall be a Member. The holder of a security interest in a Lot shall not be a Member of the Association except and until that holder obtains both the legal and equitable interest in the Lot. If any Owner executes an installment contract of sale for the sale of that Owner's Lot, the purchaser shall become the Member if the contract is recorded in the public records and if the Association is notified in writing of the contract; and the Owner no longer shall be a Member. If the purchaser's rights are terminated under the contract without transfer of title to the purchaser, the Board, upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of the termination of the purchaser's rights, shall reinstate the Owner as the Member; and the purchaser shall no longer be a Member.

Membership shall be appurtenant to the Lot and may not be separated therefrom. Any transfer of an Owner's interest in a Lot (other than a security interest), by operation of law or otherwise, automatically transfers the membership to the Owner's successor in interest. No Owner may resign or revoke his or her membership for any reason.

5.4 Membership Classes and Voting Rights. The Association shall have the following two classes of voting memberships:

(i) Class A. Class A Members are all Owners except the Declarant. Class A Members shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot in which he or she owns an interest. If more than one Owner owns an interest in a Lot, only one vote may be cast with respect to that Lot.

(ii) Class B. The Class B Member shall be the Declarant, who shall be entitled to three votes for each Lot owned by the Declarant. Class B membership shall cease and be irreversibly converted to Class A on the first to occur of the following:

(a) the second anniversary of the first conveyance of a Lot in the most recent phase of the Development; or

(b) the fourth anniversary of the first conveyance of a Lot in the Development.

Voting rights shall vest at the time that assessments are levied against the Owner's Lot.

Except as set forth below, all matters requiring the approval of the Members shall be approved if: (i) approved by a majority of the votes cast either in person or by proxy at a duly-held regular or special meeting at which a quorum was present, (ii) approved by a majority of the written ballots cast in compliance with the requirements of Corporations Code section 7513 or any successor statute thereto; or (iii) approved by unanimous written consent of all the Members. Notwithstanding the foregoing, approval by the Members shall be subject to each of the following:

(1) Two Membership Classes. As long as two classes of voting membership exist, any action by the Association that requires approval by the Members shall require approval by the members of each class.

(2) Single Membership Class/Declarant-Owned Lots. If one class of voting membership exists and Declarant owns any Lots, any action by the Association that requires approval by the Members shall require approval by the Members including Declarant's vote(s) and approval by the Members excluding Declarant's votes.

(3) Greater Than a Majority. If, under the terms of this Declaration, a particular action requires approval by more than a majority, the action shall be approved by the Members only if the required percentage of votes approves the action.

(4) Completion Bond and Section 896 Claim Voting Restrictions. Votes of the Declarant shall be excluded as provided in **Sections 5.11 and 5.14** of this Declaration.

(5) Amendments. Member approval requirements for any amendments to the Declaration, Bylaws or Articles shall comply with the amendment requirements set forth in the applicable document.

(6) Legal Requirements. If the voting requirements and/or procedures conflict with any applicable statutory requirements, the statutory requirements shall control.

5.5 Joint Ownership Votes. The vote that is attributed to each Lot may not be cast on a fractional basis. If the Lot has more than one Owner and the Owners are unable to agree as to how the vote shall be cast, the vote shall be forfeited on the matter in question. Any vote cast by an Owner for any Lot is presumed conclusively to be the vote cast by all the Owners of that Lot. If more than one Owner casts a vote attributed to a Lot on any matter on which only one vote could be cast for that Lot, the votes cast by such Owners shall be counted as one vote if the votes are the same; if the votes are different, the vote cast by such Owners shall not be counted and shall be forfeited.

5.6 Powers of the Association. The Association shall have all the powers of a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation organized under the general nonprofit mutual benefit corporation laws of California, subject only to such limitations on the exercise of these powers as are set forth in the Articles, Bylaws and this Declaration. The Association shall have the power to do any lawful thing that may be authorized, required or permitted to be done by the Association under this Declaration, the Articles and the Bylaws and to do and perform any act that may be necessary or proper for or incidental to the exercise of any of the express powers of the Association, including, without limitation, each of the following:

(i) Levying Assessments: The Board shall establish, fix and levy assessments against the Lots and collect and enforce payment of such assessments in accordance with the provisions of **Article 6** of this Declaration.

(ii) Adopting Rules: The Board may adopt, amend and repeal Rules as it considers appropriate. The Rules shall regulate the use and enjoyment of the Common Area, the

use of any commonly-metered utilities that are paid by the Association, and such other matters as are authorized herein. A copy of the Rules as adopted, amended or repealed shall be mailed or otherwise delivered to each Owner; and a copy shall be posted in a conspicuous place within the Development if an appropriate space is available for such posting. If any provision of this Declaration, the Articles or the Bylaws is inconsistent with or materially alters any Rules, the Declaration, the Articles or the Bylaws shall control to the extent of any such inconsistency.

Any Rules adopted by the Board shall apply to all Owners or occupants in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner. The Board may adopt a Rule as the result of an act or omission of any Owner or occupant or their family members or guests or a Rule that does not directly affect all Owners or occupants in the same manner as long as the Rule applies to all Owners or occupants.

(iii) Borrowing Money: The Board may borrow money to meet any anticipated or unanticipated cost of the Association and, subject to the provisions of **Section 5.12(ix)** and may mortgage, encumber or pledge Association assets (including, but not limited to, assessments) as security for such borrowing.

(iv) Imposing Disciplinary Action: In addition to any other enforcement rights described in this Declaration and the Bylaws or as may be authorized by law and subject to the due process requirements imposed by this Declaration, the Bylaws or by law, the Board may take any of the following actions against any Person whose act or failure to act violates or threatens to violate any provisions of this Declaration, the Bylaws or Rules: (a) impose monetary penalties, including late charges and interest; (b) suspend voting rights in the Association; and (c) commence any legal or equitable action for damages, injunctive relief or both. Subject to the provisions of **Section 12.9**, the determination of whether to impose any of the foregoing sanctions shall be within the sole discretion of the Board. Any legal action may be brought in the name of the Association on its own behalf and on behalf of any Owner who consents; and, except as otherwise provided herein, the prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to recover costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. The Board, in its sole discretion, may resolve or settle any dispute, including any legal action in which the Association is a party, under such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate.

(a) If the Board adopts a policy imposing monetary penalties, including any fee on any Member for a violation of the governing documents or the Rules, including any monetary penalty relating to the activity of a guest or invitee of a Member, the Board shall adopt and distribute to each Member, by personal delivery or first-class mail, a schedule of the monetary penalties that may be assessed. The Board may change the schedule from time to time and shall distribute a notice of such changes to the Members in the same manner as the schedule of penalties.

(b) The imposition of any disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, the imposition of monetary penalties or the suspension of use and/or voting privileges except as otherwise noted herein, shall be subject to the following procedures and requirements:

(1) Notice of Hearing: Prior to the time the Board meets to consider or impose discipline upon a Member, the Board shall notify the Member, by either personal delivery or first-class mail, at least 15 days prior to the meeting. The notice shall contain, at a minimum, the date, time and place of the meeting, the nature of the alleged violation for which the Member may be disciplined, and a statement that the Member has a right to attend and may address the Board at the meeting.

(2) Hearing: If requested by the Member, the Board shall conduct the disciplinary proceeding in executive session. The Member, the Member's legal counsel, and the Association's legal counsel shall be entitled to attend the executive session meeting. The Board may interview witnesses and other interested parties in executive session.

(3) Notice of Action Taken: If the Board elects to impose discipline on the Member, the Board shall notify the Member of the disciplinary action within ten days following the election to impose the disciplinary action.

(4) No Forfeiture: Under no circumstances may the Association cause a forfeiture or abridgement of an Owner's right to the full use and enjoyment of the Owner's Unit on account of the failure of the Owner to comply with the provisions of the Declaration, Articles, Bylaws or Rules, except by judgment of a court or decision of an arbitrator or on account of a foreclosure or sale under power of sale for failure of the Owner to pay assessments duly levied by the Association.

(5) Assessment Charges: The provisions of this **Section 5.6(iv)** do not apply to charges imposed against a Member for reasonable late payment penalties or charges to reimburse the Association for loss of interest and for costs reasonably incurred (including attorneys' fees) in collecting delinquent assessments.

(v) Delegating Duties: Except as may be limited by the Bylaws, the Board may delegate any of the Association's powers and duties to its employees, committees or agents, including a professional management agent.

(vi) Implementing Special Fees: The Board may implement special fees to reimburse the Association for special costs incurred as a result of actions taken by Owners.

5.7 Duties of the Association. In addition to the duties described in the Articles or Bylaws, or elsewhere in this Declaration, the Association shall have the duty to manage the Common Area, perform the maintenance as described in **Section 4.2**, prepare, periodically update, and comply with the maintenance and inspection guidelines described in **Section 4.3**, prepare and distribute financial statements, reports and copies of Governing Documents as described in **Section 5.10**, enforce bonded obligations as described in **Section 5.11**, levy and collect assessments as described in **Article 6**, prepare when required the reserve studies described in **Section 6.3** and annually review and implement adjustments as required, and procure, maintain and review the insurance as described in **Article 7**. The Association shall perform such other acts as may be reasonably necessary to exercise its powers to perform its duties under any of the provisions of this Declaration, the Articles, Bylaws, Rules or Board resolutions.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Association shall not assume any duty to maintain or insure any residential structures on any Lot until the structure has been completed and a certificate of occupancy permit has been issued by the local governmental entity.

5.8 Taxes and Assessments. The Association shall pay all real and personal property taxes and assessments and all other taxes levied against the Association, the Common Area or the personal property owned by the Association. Such taxes and assessments may be contested or compromised by the Association, provided that they are paid or that a bond insuring payment is posted before the sale or the disposition of any Property to satisfy the payment of such taxes.

5.9 Utility Service to the Common Area. The Association shall acquire, provide and pay for water, sewer, garbage disposal, refuse and rubbish collection, electrical, telephone, gas and other necessary utility services for the Common Area.

5.10 Reporting Requirements. The Association shall prepare and distribute the following:

(i) a pro forma operating budget for each fiscal year shall be distributed not less than 45 days nor more than 60 days before the beginning of the fiscal year consisting of at least the following:

- (a) estimated revenue and expenses on an accrual basis;
- (b) a summary of the Association's reserves based on the most recent reserves review or study conducted pursuant to **Section 6.3**, which shall be printed in bold type and shall include the following:
  - (1) the current estimated replacement cost, estimated remaining life and estimated useful life of each major component which the Association is obligated to maintain (collectively the "Major Components");
  - (2) as of the end of the fiscal year for which the study was prepared:
    - a. the current estimate of cash reserves necessary to repair, replace, restore or maintain the Major Components;
    - b. the current amount of accumulated cash reserves actually set aside to repair, replace, restore or maintain the Major Components; and
    - c. If applicable, the amount of funds received from either a compensatory damage award or settlement to the Association from any Person for injuries to property, real or personal arising out of any construction or design defects and the expenditure or disposition of funds, including the amounts expended for the direct and indirect costs of repair of construction or design defects. These amounts shall be reported at the end of the fiscal year for which the study is prepared as separate line items under cash reserves pursuant to **Section 5.10(i)(b)(2)b**. In lieu of complying with the foregoing requirements, if the Association is obligated to issue a review of its financial statement pursuant to **Section 5.10(ii)** below, the Association may include in the review a statement containing all of the information required by this **Section 5.10(i)(b)(2)c**;
  - (3) the percentage that the amount in **Section 5.10(i)(b)(2)b** is to the amount in **Section 5.10(i)(b)(2)a**;
- (c) a statement as to whether the Board has determined or anticipates that the levy of one or more special assessments will be required to repair, replace or restore any Major Component or to provide adequate reserves therefor;
- (d) a general statement addressing the procedures used for the calculation and establishment of those reserves to defray the future repair, replacement or additions to the Major Components; and
- (e) a statement describing the Members' rights to obtain copies of the minutes of meetings of the Board, including a description of how and where these minutes may be obtained.

In lieu of the distribution of the pro forma operating budget, the Board may elect to distribute a summary of the budget to all its Members with a written notice in at least 10-point bold type on the front page of the summary that the budget is available at the Association's business office or another suitable location within the boundaries of the Development and that copies will be provided on request and at the expense of the Association. If any Member requests a copy of the pro forma operating budget to be mailed to the Member, the Association shall provide the copy to the Member by first-class United States mail at the expense of the Association, which copy shall be mailed within five days of the receipt of the request;

- (ii) a review of the financial statement of the Association shall be prepared in accordance with generally-accepted accounting principles by a licensee of the California State

Board of Accountancy for any fiscal year in which the gross income of the Association exceeds \$75,000. A copy of the review of the financial statement shall be distributed within 120 days after the close of each fiscal year;

(iii) a statement of the Association's policies and practices in enforcing its remedies against Owners for delinquent regular or special assessments, including the recording and foreclosing of liens against a delinquent Owner's Lot. A copy of this statement shall be distributed to each Owner and any Mortgagee who has requested a copy within 60 days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year;

(iv) copies of this Declaration, the Articles, Bylaws, Rules, and a statement regarding delinquent assessments as described in **Section 6.12** shall be provided any Owner within ten days of the mailing or delivery of a written request. The Board may impose a fee to provide these materials but not to exceed the Association's reasonable costs in preparing and reproducing the material; and

(v) a summary of the provisions of Civil Code section 1354 which specifically references the section and includes the following:

Failure by any member of the Association to comply with the pre-filing requirements of section 1354 of the Civil Code may result in the loss of your rights to sue the Association or another member of the Association regarding enforcement of the governing documents.

The summary shall be provided either at the time the pro forma budget described in **Section 5.10(i)** is distributed or in the manner set forth in Corporations Code section 5016.

(vi) a summary of the Association's property, general liability, and earthquake and flood policies, if any, (individually and collectively referred as the "Policy" or "Policies") shall be distributed to the Members within 60 days preceding the beginning of the Association's fiscal year. The summary shall include the following information on the Policies:

- (a) the name of the insurer;
- (b) the type of insurance;
- (c) the Policy limits of the insurance; and
- (d) the amount of deductibles, if any.

The Association, as soon as reasonably practical, shall notify its Members by first-class mail if any of the Policies have been cancelled and not immediately renewed or restored or if there is a significant change such as a reduction in coverage or limits or an increase in the deductible for any Policy. If the Association receives any notice of non-renewal of a Policy, the Association immediately shall notify its Members if replacement coverage will not be in effect by the date the existing coverage will lapse.

To the extent that the information required to be disclosed as described in this **Section 5.10(vi)** is specified in the insurance policy declaration page, the Association may meet its disclosure obligations by making copies of that page and distributing copies to all its Members.

The summary required in this **Section 5.10(vi)** shall contain, in at least 10-point boldface type, the following statement:

This summary of the Association's policies of insurance provides only certain information as required by subdivision (e) of section 1365 of the Civil Code and should not be considered a substitute for the complete policy terms and conditions contained in the actual policies of insurance. Any Association member, upon request and reasonable notice, may review the Association's insurance policies and, upon request and payment of reasonable duplication charges, obtain copies of those policies. Although the Association maintains the policies of insurance specified in this summary, the Association's policies of insurance may not cover your property, including personal property, or real property improvements to or around your dwelling, or personal injuries or other losses that occur within or around your dwelling. Even if a loss is covered, you may nevertheless be responsible for paying all or a portion of any deductible that applies. Association members should consult with their individual insurance brokers or agent for appropriate additional coverage.

(vii) the written notice regarding assessments and foreclosures required by Civil Code section 1365.1(b) shall be delivered to each Member during the 60-day period immediately preceding the beginning of the Association's fiscal year. The notice shall be printed in at least 12-point type.

5.11 Enforcement of Bonded Obligations. If the Association is the obligee under a bond or other arrangement ("Bond") to secure performance of the commitment of the Declarant or a successor or assign to complete the Common Area Improvements not completed at the time the California Commissioner of Real Estate issued a final subdivision report, the Board will consider and vote on the question of action by the Association to enforce the obligations under the Bond with respect to any Improvement for which a notice of completion has not been filed by the later of: (i) 60 days after the completion date specified for that Improvement in the "planned construction statement" appended to the Bond; or (ii) 30 days after the expiration of any written extension given by the Association. If the Board fails to consider and vote on the action to enforce the obligations under the Bond, or if the Board decides not to initiate action to enforce the obligations under the Bond, then on receipt of a petition signed by Owners representing not less than 5% of the total voting power of the Association, the Board shall call a special meeting of Owners for the purpose of voting to override the decision of the Board not to initiate action or to compel the Board to take action to enforce the obligations under the Bond. The Board shall give written notice of the meeting to all Owners entitled to vote in the manner provided in this Declaration or in the Bylaws for notices of special meetings of Owners. The meeting shall be held not less than 35 days nor more than 45 days after receipt of the petition. At the meeting, the vote in person or by proxy by a majority of the Owners entitled to vote (other than Declarant) in favor of taking action to enforce the obligations under the Bond shall be considered the decision of the Association; and the Board shall implement this decision by initiating and pursuing appropriate action in the name of the Association.

Upon satisfaction of the Declarant's obligation to complete the Common Area Improvements, the Board shall acknowledge in writing that it approves the release of the Bond and shall execute any other documents or instruments as may be necessary or advisable to effect the release of the Bond. The Board shall not condition its approval to release the Bond on the satisfaction of any condition other than the completion of the Common Area Improvements as described in the "planned construction statement". Any dispute between the Declarant and the Association regarding the release of the Bond shall be resolved in accordance with the Bond escrow instructions or, if these instructions are not operative for any reason, in accordance with the procedures of **Article 11**.

5.12 Limitations on Authority of the Board. The Association is prohibited from taking any of the following actions:

- (i) except as otherwise provided in law, or order of the court, or an



order pursuant to a final and binding arbitration decision, the Association shall not deny an Owner or occupant physical access to his or her Lot either by restricting access through the Common Area to the Owner's Lot or by restricting access solely to the Owner's Lot.

(ii) the Association may not voluntarily assign or pledge the Association's right to collect payments or assessments or to enforce or foreclose a lien to a third party except when the assignment or pledge is made to a financial institution or lender chartered or licensed under federal or State law when acting within the scope of that charter or license as security for a loan obtained by the Association; however, the foregoing provision may not restrict the right or ability of the Association to assign any unpaid obligations of a former Member to a third party for purposes of collection;

(iii) adopt a Rule or regulation that arbitrarily or unreasonably restricts an Owner's ability to market the Owner's Lot; or

(iv) establish an exclusive relationship with a real estate broker through which the sale or marketing of Lots is required to occur. This restriction does not apply to the sale or marketing of Common Areas owned by the Association.

Furthermore, the Board shall not take any of the following actions except with the consent, by vote at a meeting of the Association or by written ballot without a meeting pursuant to Corporations Code section 7513 or any successive statute thereto, of a simple majority of the Members other than Declarant constituting a quorum of more than 50% of the voting power of the Association residing in Members other than the Declarant:

(v) incur aggregate expenditures for capital Improvements to the Common Area in any fiscal year in excess of 5% of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that fiscal year;

(vi) sell during any fiscal year property of the Association having an aggregate fair market value greater than 5% of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that fiscal year;

(vii) pay compensation to members of the Board or to officers of the Association for services performed in the conduct of the Association's business, provided that the Board may reimburse a member or officer for expenses incurred in carrying on the business of the Association;

(viii) enter into a contract with a third Person to furnish goods or services for the Common Area or the Association for a term longer than one year with the following exceptions:

(a) a management contract, the terms of which have been approved by the Federal Housing Administration or Veterans Administration;

(b) a contract with a public utility company if the rates charged for the materials or services are regulated by the Public Utilities Commission, provided the term does not exceed the shortest term for which the supplier will contract at the regulated rate;

(c) prepaid casualty or liability insurance policies not to exceed three years' duration, provided the policy permits for short rate cancellation by the insured;

(d) agreements for cable television services and equipment or satellite dish television services and equipment not exceeding five years in duration, provided the supplier is not an entity in which the Declarant has a direct or indirect ownership interest of 10% or more; and

(e) a contract for a term not to exceed three years that is terminable by the Association after no longer than one year without cause, penalty or other obligation upon 90 days written notice of termination to the other party; or

(ix) borrow money secured by any Association assets as authorized under **Section 5.6(iii)**.

5.13 Notice of Significant Legal Proceedings. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, not later than 30 days prior to the filing of any civil action against the Declarant or other developer for alleged damage to the Common Area, alleged damage to the separate interests that the Association is obligated to maintain or repair, or alleged damage to the separate interests that arises out of, or is integrally related to, damage to the Common Area or separate interests that the Association is obligated to maintain or repair, the Board shall provide written notice to each Member of the Association. The notice shall specify the date and location of the meeting and both of the following:

(i) that a meeting will take place to discuss problems that may lead to the filing of a civil action; and

(ii) the options, including civil actions, that are available to address the problems.

If the Board in good faith determines that there is insufficient time to provide prior notice to the Members as required herein prior to the expiration of any applicable statute of limitations, the Board may take the necessary steps to commence the proceeding to preserve the rights of the Association, provided that as soon as is reasonably practical thereafter, and not later than 30 days following the commencement of the proceeding, the Board shall provide the Members with notice as required herein.

5.14 Civil Code Sections 896 and 897 Claims. The sole and exclusive authority to initiate claims on behalf of the Association in connection with Improvements or landscaping maintained by the Association for violations of the functionality standards set forth in Civil Code sections 896 and 897 shall rest with the Board members elected solely by Class A Members described in **Section 5.4(i)** of this Declaration (the "Non-Declarant Directors"). Any Non-Declarant Director may at any time request a meeting for the purpose of discussing, inspecting, investigating and/or initiating any claims under Civil Code Sections 896 or 897. Notice of the meeting shall be sent in the same manner as notice for special meetings of the Board. Any member of the Board appointed by Declarant or elected by votes cast by Declarant shall be entitled to attend the meeting but shall not be entitled to vote. The meeting shall be open for all Members of the Association unless the Non-Declarant Directors adjourn to an executive session as authorized by the Bylaws. The decision of a majority of the Non-Declarant Directors shall control. If the Non-Declarant Directors elect to initiate a claim, the authority to initiate a claim also shall require the approval of the votes cast by a majority of the Class A Members present in person or by proxy at a duly-held meeting. Any Non-Declarant Director may call a special meeting of the Members for this purpose. The claim is subject to the provisions and procedures set forth in **Article 12**. If requested by the Non-Declarant Directors, the Association shall provide the administrative support for the notice and conduct of its meetings and any meeting of the Members called to approve the initiation of a claim. In addition, the Association shall provide such reasonable financial support as may be necessary in order for the Non-Declarant Directors to inspect, investigate and/ or initiate the claim on behalf of the Association, subject to the applicable requirements and procedures set forth in **Sections 5.13, 6.6 and Article 12**. The provisions of this **Section 5.14** are effective automatically on the date the first Non-Declarant Director is elected to the Board. At such time as the Board no longer has a majority of its members appointed or elected by the Declarant, the provisions of this **Section 5.14** automatically shall be null and void.

## ARTICLE 6 - Assessments

6.1 Obligations to Pay Assessments. The Owner of each Lot is obligated to pay any assessments levied against that Owner's Lot on or before the due date of the assessment. If there is more than one Owner of the Lot, the obligation is joint and several. Each Owner on acceptance of the deed to a Lot automatically personally assumes the obligation to pay any assessments against the Owner's Lot (including, but not limited to, that portion of the annual regular assessment not yet due and payable) and agrees to allow the Association to enforce any assessment lien established hereunder by nonjudicial proceedings under the power of sale or by any other means authorized by law. The Owner shall be liable for the full assessment levied against that Owner's Lot regardless of the Owner's possession or use of the Lot, the Common Area or any services rendered by the Association. The Owner has no right or power to commit or omit any act, such as waiving the right to use the Common Area Improvements, in an attempt to eliminate or reduce the assessments against that Owner's Lot. An assessment shall be both a personal obligation of the Owners of the Lot against which the assessment is levied and, on the recordation of a notice of delinquent assessment, a lien against the Lot. Any Owner who transfers a Lot shall remain personally liable for any unpaid assessments that accrued on or before the date of the transfer. No Owner shall be liable for any defaults of the Owner's predecessor in interest in the payment of any assessment that has accrued prior to the Owner taking title to the property unless that Owner expressly assumes the obligation to cure the delinquent assessments. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Owner who takes title to a Lot on which a lien for a delinquent assessment has been established will take title subject to the lien and the Association's enforcement remedies as a result thereof unless the Owner takes title under a foreclosure or trustee sale resulting from a foreclosure or exercise of a power of sale under a Mortgage, deed of trust, or other lien recorded before the recordation of the notice of delinquent assessment.

If an Owner has a dispute with the Association regarding an assessment levied by the Association, the Owner may pay the assessment under protest in accordance with the procedures set forth in Civil Code section 1366.3 or any successor statute thereto.

6.2 Annual Regular Assessment. Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year of the Association, the Board shall meet for the purpose of establishing the annual regular assessment for the forthcoming fiscal year. At such meeting, the Board shall review the preliminary pro forma operating budget prepared in accordance with the provisions of **Section 5.10(i)**, any written comments received from Members and Mortgagees, and such other related information that has been made available to the Board. After making any adjustments that the Board considers appropriate and subject to such Member approval as may be required by **Section 6.6**, the Board will establish an annual regular assessment for the forthcoming fiscal year. Each annual regular assessment shall include a portion for reserves as described in **Section 6.3**.

If the Board for any reason fails to take the appropriate steps to establish the annual regular assessment for the next fiscal year, the annual regular assessment for the preceding fiscal year shall continue in effect subject to the Board's right at anytime during the next fiscal year to adjust the assessment pursuant to the procedures described herein.

Declarant's obligation to pay regular assessments for Lots owned by Declarant may be reduced or abated pursuant to a maintenance or subsidy agreement between Declarant and the Association and approval by the California Department of Real Estate.

6.3 Reserves, Reserve Accounts and Reserves Study. Each annual regular assessment shall include a portion for reserves in such amount as the Board in its discretion considers appropriate to meet the cost of the future repair, replacement or additions to the Major Components as described in **Section 5.10(i)(b)(1)** that the Association is obligated to maintain and repair. For all purposes in this Declaration and in the Bylaws, reserve accounts shall mean: (i) the funds that the Board has identified for the foregoing purposes ("Regular Reserve Funds") and (ii) the funds received and not yet expended or disposed from either a compensatory damage

award or settlement to the Association from any Person for injuries to property, real or personal arising from any construction or design defects (the "Construction Reserve Funds"). Construction Reserve Funds shall be separately itemized from funds designated as Regular Reserve Funds.

Reserve funds shall be deposited in a separate account; and the signatures of at least two persons, who shall either be members of the Board or one officer who is not a member of the Board and a member of the Board, shall be required to withdraw monies from the reserve account. Reserve funds may not be expended for any purpose other than the repair, restoration, replacement, or maintenance of, or litigation involving the repair, restoration, replacement, or maintenance of, Major Components which the Association is obligated to maintain.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may authorize the temporary transfer of money from a reserve fund to the Association's general operating fund to meet short-term cash-flow requirements or other expenses, provided the Board has made a written finding, recorded in the Board's minutes, explaining the reason that the transfer is needed and describing when and how the money will be repaid to the reserve fund. The transferred funds shall be restored to the reserve fund within one year of the date of the initial transfer, provided that the Board, on the making of a finding supported by documentation that a temporary delay is in the best interest of the Development, may delay temporarily the restoration. The Board shall exercise prudent fiscal management in maintaining the integrity of the reserve account and, if necessary, shall levy a special assessment to recover the full amount of the expended funds within the time limits required herein. This special assessment shall be subject to the assessment increase restrictions set forth in **Section 6.6** and Civil Code section 1366(b).

If the Board elects to use reserve funds or to temporarily transfer money from the reserve fund to pay for litigation, the Association shall notify the Members of that decision in the next available mailing to all Members pursuant to Corporations Code section 5016. The notice shall inform Members of the availability of an accounting of these expenses. The Board shall distribute a written accounting of this expense to the Members on at least a quarterly basis, with the first accounting to be delivered no later than the 30th day following the Board's decision to use reserve funds for litigation, either directly or through a transfer to operating funds. In any proposed litigation in which the amount in controversy is expected to exceed \$25,000, the first accounting shall include a description of expenses paid to date, a description of the principal terms and conditions of any contract with any Person providing services in connection with the litigation, including attorneys and expert witness, a good faith estimate of the total legal fees, expert fees and other litigation costs that may be incurred, and a sample disclosure that Members should provide prospective purchasers, lenders and other parties that have obtained or may obtain an interest in the Owner's Lot regarding the litigation. In each subsequent accounting, the information required in the first accounting shall be appropriately updated.

At least once every three years, the Board shall cause to be conducted a reasonably competent and diligent visual inspection of the accessible areas of the Major Components which the Association is obligated to repair, replace, restore or maintain as a part of a study of the reserve account requirements of the Development if the current replacement value of the Major Components is equal to or greater than one-half of the gross budget of the Association, which excludes the Association's reserve account for that period. **The Board shall review this study annually and shall consider and implement necessary adjustments to the Board's analysis of the reserve account requirements as a result of that review.**

The study, at a minimum, shall include:

(i) identification of the Major Components which the Association is obligated to repair, replace, restore, or maintain which, as of the date of the study, have a remaining useful life of less than 30 years;

(ii) identification of the probable remaining useful life of the Major Components identified in subparagraph (i) as of the date of the study;

(iii) an estimate of the cost of repair, replacement, restoration, or maintenance of the Major Components identified in subparagraph (i) during and at the end of its useful life; and

(iv) an estimate of the total annual contribution necessary to defray the cost to repair, replace, restore, or maintain the Major Components during and at the end of its useful life after subtracting total reserve funds as of the date of the study.

6.4 Special Assessments. Subject to the restrictions described in **Section 6.6**, the Board may levy a special assessment if the Board in its discretion determines that the Association's available funds are or will become inadequate to meet the estimated expenses of the Association, including, but not limited to, expenses resulting from inadequate reserves, unanticipated delinquencies, costs of construction, unexpected repairs or replacements of capital Improvements, inadequate insurance proceeds, or other unanticipated expenses. The Board may levy the entire special assessment immediately or levy it in installments over a period the Board considers appropriate.

6.5 Reimbursement Assessments. The Board shall have the authority to levy reimbursement assessments against one or more Lot Owners to reimburse the Association for any costs incurred or to be incurred by the Association as the result of any act or omission of any Owner or occupant of any Lot or their family members, guests, agents or pets. The levy shall not include any portion that is paid or will be paid by any insurer under a policy maintained by the Association. Payment of the deductible amount shall be the responsibility of the Owner. If the reimbursement assessment is levied and paid before all or any portion of the costs have been incurred by the Association and the amount paid exceeds the costs incurred, the Association promptly shall refund the excess to the Owner. If the costs exceed the amount, the Owner shall reimburse the Association within 30 days thereafter. If payment is not made when due, the payment shall be considered a delinquent assessment and the Association may enforce the delinquent assessment as described in **Section 6.10**.

In addition to reimbursing the Association for costs necessary to repair any Common Area or other Property that is maintained by the Association, the Association may seek reimbursement for any costs incurred by the Association, including attorneys' fees, to bring the Owner or occupant or the Owner's Lot into compliance with this Declaration, the Articles, Bylaws or Rules. A reimbursement assessment may not be levied against any Lot until notice and hearing have been provided the Owner as described in **Section 5.6(iv)**; and under no circumstances may a reimbursement assessment (or a monetary penalty imposed by the Association as a disciplinary measure for violation of the Declaration or Rules) become a lien against the Owner's Lot that is enforceable by nonjudicial foreclosure proceedings under a power of sale. The foregoing restriction on enforcement is not applicable to late payment penalties or interest for delinquent assessments or charges imposed to reimburse the Association for loss of interest or for collection costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for delinquent assessments.

6.6 Assessment Increase Restrictions. The Association shall provide notice by personal delivery or by first-class mail to the Owners of any increase in the regular or special assessments not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the due date of the increased assessment.

The Board may not: (i) impose an annual regular assessment for any fiscal year more than 20% above the annual regular assessment for the Association's preceding fiscal year, or (ii) impose special assessments which in the aggregate exceed 5% of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that fiscal year without the approval of a majority of the votes of Owners at a meeting of the Members of the Association at which a quorum is present. For purposes of this section, a "quorum" means more than 50% of the Owners, and the meeting must be conducted in accordance with Corporations Code sections 7510 through 7527 and 7613. The foregoing restrictions on assessment increases do not apply to increases necessary for emergency situations. An emergency situation is any one of the following:

- (i) an extraordinary expense required by an order of court;
- (ii) an extraordinary expense necessary to repair or maintain the Development or any part of it that the Association is responsible to maintain where a threat to personal safety on the Property is discovered; and/or
- (iii) an extraordinary expense necessary to repair or maintain the Development or any part of it that the Association is responsible to maintain that could not have been reasonably foreseen by the Board in preparing and distributing the pro forma operating budget required under Civil Code section 1365, provided that before the imposition or collection of any assessment under this subparagraph the Board must pass a resolution containing written findings as to the necessity of the extraordinary expense involved and why the expense was not or could not have been reasonably foreseen in the budgeting process and shall distribute the resolution to the Members with the notice of the assessment.

If the Board fails to distribute the pro forma operating statement as required by **Section 5.10(i)** for any fiscal year, the Association may not increase its annual regular assessment for that fiscal year, as authorized by Civil Code section 1366(b), unless the Board has obtained the approval of a majority of the votes of the Owners at a meeting of the Members at which a quorum was present. For the foregoing purposes, a "quorum" means more than 50% of the Owners of the Association; and the meeting must be conducted in accordance with Corporations Code sections 7510 through 7527 and 7613 or any successor statute thereto.

6.7 Commencement of Regular Assessments. Annual regular assessments shall commence for all Lots on the first day of the month coinciding with or immediately following the date of the first transfer of title of a Lot by the Declarant to a purchaser under the authority of a final subdivision public report issued by the California Department of Real Estate or an earlier date at the discretion of the Declarant. No Lot shall be subject to any special assessments until regular assessments have commenced against that Lot.

6.8 Due Dates of Assessments. Unless otherwise directed by the Board or unless accelerated as described herein, the annual regular assessment shall be collected in monthly installments and shall be due and payable on the first day of each month. If any monthly installment is delinquent, the Board, at its election, may accelerate the remaining installment payments so that the entire remaining balance of the annual regular assessment is immediately due and payable. Special assessments shall be due on such date or dates as selected by the Board. Reimbursement assessments shall be due and payable ten days after the Owner receives the notice of the reimbursement assessment. The notice shall be deemed received on the date described in **Section 12.14**.

Any annual regular assessment installment (including any accelerated installments), special assessment, or reimbursement assessment not paid within 15 days after the due date shall be delinquent, shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from 30 days after the due date until paid, and shall incur a late penalty in an amount to be set by the Board from time to time, not to exceed the maximum amount permitted by law.

6.9 Allocation of Regular and Special Assessments. Regular and special assessments levied by the Board shall be allocated in equal amounts among the Residential Lots.

6.10 Enforcement of Delinquent Assessments. The Association may elect to pursue one or both of the following remedies in the event of a delinquent assessment:

- (i) Personal Obligation. The Association may bring a legal action directly against the Owner for breach of the Owner's personal obligation to pay the assessment and in such action shall be entitled to recover the delinquent assessment or assessments, accompanying late charges, interest, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. Commencement of a legal action shall not constitute a waiver of any lien rights as described in **Section 6.10(ii)**.

(ii) Assessment Lien. Except as otherwise provided in **Section 6.5**, the Association may impose a lien against the Owner's Lot for the amount of the delinquent assessment or assessments, plus any costs of collection (including attorneys fees), late charges and interest by taking the following steps:

(a) At least 30 days prior to recording a lien upon the Owner's Lot to collect a delinquent assessment, the Association shall notify the Owner in writing by certified mail of the following (the "Delinquency Notice"):

(1) A general description of the collection and lien enforcement procedures of the Association and the method of calculation of the amount, a statement that the Lot Owner has the right to inspect the Association records, pursuant to section 8333 of the Corporations Code, and the following statement in 14-point boldface type, if printed, or in capital letters, if types: "IMPORTANT NOTICE: IF YOUR SEPARATE INTEREST IS PLACED IN FORECLOSURE BECAUSE YOU ARE BEHIND IN YOUR ASSESSMENTS, IT MAY BE SOLD WITHOUT COURT ACTION".

(2) An itemized statement of the charges owed by the Owner, including items on the statement which indicate the amount of any delinquent assessments, the fees and reasonable costs of collection, reasonable attorneys' fee, and late charges, and interest, if any.

(3) A statement that the Owner shall not be liable to pay the charges, interest, and costs of collections, if it is determined the assessment was paid on time to the Association.

(4) The right to request a meeting with the Board as provided by **Section 6.10(b)(2)**.

(b) Any payments made by the Lot Owner toward the delinquent assessment shall first be applied to the assessments owed; and only after the assessments owed are paid in full shall the payments be applied to the fees and the costs of collection, attorneys' fees, late charges or interest. When an Owner makes a payment, the Owner may request a receipt and the Association shall provide it. The receipt shall indicate the date of payment and the Person who received it. The Association shall provide a mailing address for overnight payment of assessments.

(1) An Owner may dispute the delinquent assessment by submitting to the Board a written explanation of the reasons for his or her dispute. The Board shall respond in writing to the Owner within 15 days of the date of the postmark of the explanation if the explanation is mailed within 15 days of the postmark of the Delinquency Notice.

(2) An Owner may submit a written request to meet with the Board to discuss a payment plan for the delinquent assessment. The Association shall provide the Owners the standards for payment plans if any exist. The Board shall meet with the Owner in executive session within 45 days of the postmark of the request if the request is mailed within 15 days of the date of the postmark of the Delinquency Notice unless there is no regularly-scheduled Board meeting within that period, in which case the Board may designate a committee of one or more Members to meet with the Owner.

(c) The amount of the assessment, plus any costs of collection, late charges, and interest assessed in accordance with **Section 6.8**, shall be a lien on the Owner's Lot from and after the time the Association causes to be recorded with the county recorder of the county in which the Lot is located a notice of delinquent assessment, which shall state the amount of the assessment and other sums imposed in accordance with Civil Code section 1366, a legal description of the Owner's interest in the Development against which the assessment and other sums are levied, the name of the record owner of the Owner's interest in the Development against

which the lien is imposed. In order for the lien to be imposed by nonjudicial foreclosure as provided in **Section 6.10(ii)(e)**, the notice of delinquent assessment shall state the name and address of the trustee authorized by the Association to enforce the lien by sale. The notice of delinquent assessment shall be signed by any officer of the Association or by the Person designated by the Association for that purpose and mailed in the manner set forth in Civil Code section 2924b to all record owners of the Owner's interest in the Development no later than ten calendar days after recordation. Within 21 days of the payment of the sums specified in the notice of delinquent assessment, the Association shall record or cause to be recorded in the office of the county recorder in which the notice of delinquent assessment is recorded a lien release or notice of rescission and provide the Lot Owner a copy of the lien release or notice that the delinquent assessment has been satisfied.

A monetary charge imposed by the Association: (i) as a means of reimbursing the Association for costs incurred by the Association in the repair of damage to Common Area Improvements or landscaping for which the Member or the Member's guests or tenants were responsible; or (ii) as a disciplinary measure for failure of a Member to comply with the governing instruments, except for the late payments, may not be characterized nor treated as an assessment that may become a lien against the Member's subdivision separate interest enforceable by the sale of the interest under Civil Code sections 2924, 2924b and 2924c.

(d) A lien created pursuant to **Section 6.10(ii)(c)** shall be prior to all other liens recorded subsequent to the notice of delinquent assessment, except as described in **Article 10**.

(e) Subject to the limitations of this **Section 6.10**, after the expiration of 30 days following the recording of a lien created pursuant to **Section 6.10(ii)(c)**, the lien may be enforced in any manner permitted by law, including sale by the court, sale by the trustee designated in the notice of delinquent assessment, or sale by a trustee substituted pursuant to Civil Code section 2934a. Any sale by the trustee shall be conducted in accordance with Civil Code sections 2924, 2924b and 2924c applicable to the exercise of powers of sale in mortgages and deeds of trusts. The fees of a trustee may not exceed the amounts prescribed in Civil Code sections 2924c and 2924d.

(f) If it is determined that a lien previously recorded against a Lot was recorded in error, the party who recorded the lien, within 21 calendar days, shall record or cause to be recorded in the office of the county recorder in which the notice of delinquent assessment is recorded a lien release or notice of rescission and provide the Lot Owner with a declaration that the lien filing or recording was in error and a copy of the lien release or notice of rescission.

(g) If the Association fails to comply with the procedures set forth in this section, prior to recording a lien, the Association shall recommence the required notice process. Any costs associated with recommencing the notice process shall be borne by the Association and not by the Owner of a separate interest.

The provisions of this **Section 6.10** are intended to comply with the requirements of Civil Code section 1367.1 in effect as of January 1, 2003. If these sections are amended or rescinded in any manner the provisions of this **Section 6.10** automatically shall be amended or rescinded in the same manner. Civil Code section 1367.1 may have been amended by the State Legislature, and the Board should confirm the current statutory requirements.

6.11 Assessment Exemption. Any Lot having no structural Improvement for human occupancy shall be exempt from the payment of that portion of any assessment that is for the purpose of defraying expenses and reserves directly attributable to the existence and use of the structural Improvement. Exemption may include, but is not limited to:

- (i) roof replacement;



- (ii) exterior maintenance;
- (iii) walkway and carport lighting;
- (iv) refuse disposal;
- (v) cable television; and
- (vi) domestic water supply to units.

The foregoing exemptions shall be in effect until the earliest of the following events:

- (i) a notice of completion of the structural Improvements has been recorded;
- (ii) occupation or use of the Lot; or
- (iii) completion of all elements of the residential structures that the Association is obligated to maintain.

The Declarant and any other Owner of a Lot are exempt from the payment of that portion of any assessment that is for the purpose of defraying expenses and reserves directly attributable to the existence and use of a common facility that is not complete at the time assessments commence. This exemption from the payment of assessments shall be in effect until the earliest of the following events:

- (i) a notice of completion of the common facility has been recorded; or
- (ii) the common facility has been placed into use.

6.12 Estoppel Certificate. Within ten days of the mailing or delivery of a written request by any Owner, the Board shall provide the Owner with a written statement containing the following information: (i) whether to the knowledge of the Association, the Owner or occupant of the Owner's Lot is in violation of any of the provisions of this Declaration, the Articles, Bylaws or Rules; (ii) the amount of regular and special assessments, including installment payments, paid by the Owner during the fiscal year in which the request is received; and (iii) the amount of any assessments levied against the Owner's Lot that are unpaid as of the date of the statement, including any late charges, interest or costs of collection, and that, as of the date of the statement, are or may be made a lien against the Owner's Lot as provided by this Declaration. The Association may charge a fee to provide this information provided the fee shall not exceed the Association's reasonable cost to prepare and reproduce the requested items.

## ARTICLE 7 - Insurance

7.1 Liability Insurance. The Association shall obtain and maintain a commercial general liability insurance policy insuring the Association, any manager, Declarant, the Association's directors and officers, and the Owners and occupants of the Residential Lots and their respective family members against any liability incident to any bodily injury or property damage from any accident or occurrence within the Common Area or from any negligent act or omission by the Association, its directors, officers, employees or agents. The policy shall include, if obtainable, a cross liability or severability of interest endorsement insuring each insured against the liability to each other. The limits of such insurance shall not be less than \$1,000,000 covering all claims for death, personal injury and property damage arising out of a single occurrence. Such insurance shall include coverage against water damage liability, liability for non-owned and hired automobiles, liability for property of others, and other liability or risk customarily covered with

respect to projects similar in construction, location and use and shall require at least 30 days' written notice to the Association before the policy can be cancelled or substantially modified unless the policy is being replaced with a policy of equivalent coverage. The policy shall be primary and noncontributing with any other liability policy covering the same liability.

7.2 Association Property Insurance. The Association shall obtain and maintain a master property insurance policy that satisfied each of the following conditions:

(i) Property Covered. The policy shall cover the following real and personal property:

(a) Residential Structures. All residential structures, including buildings and any additions or extensions thereto; all fixtures, machinery and equipment permanently affixed to the building; fences; monuments; lighting fixtures; exterior signs; and personal property owned or maintained by the Association; but excluding land; foundations; excavations; and other items typically excluded from property insurance coverage; and

(b) Residential Interiors. The standard fixtures originally installed by the Declarant and any equivalent replacements thereto, including, but not limited to, interior walls and doors; ceiling, floor and wall surface materials (e.g., paint, wallpaper, mirrors, carpets, and hardwood floors); utility fixtures (including gas, electrical and plumbing); cabinets; built-in appliances; heating and air-conditioning systems; water heaters installed as a part of the original construction of the residence and any equivalent replacements thereto; but excluding any personal property located in the residential structure; any improvements or upgrades to any of the foregoing to the extent the replacement cost of any such improvement or upgrade made after completion of the original construction of the residence exceeds the replacement cost of the original improvements as determined on the date that is immediately before the installation of the improvement or upgrade.

(ii) Covered Cause of Loss. The policy shall provide coverage against losses caused by fire and all other hazards normally covered by a "special form" policy or its equivalent.

(iii) Dollar Limit. The dollar limit of the policy shall not be less than the full replacement value of the covered property described in **Section 7.2(i)** above, provided that there may be lower dollar limits for specified items as is customarily provided in property insurance policies.

(iv) Primary. The policy shall be primary and noncontributing with any other insurance policy covering the same loss.

(v) Endorsements. The policy shall contain the following endorsements or their equivalents: agreed amount, inflation guard, ordinance or law, and replacement cost, and such other endorsements as the Board in its discretion shall elect.

(vi) Waiver of Subrogation. The policy shall waive all subrogation rights against any Owner or occupant and their family members and invitees.

(vii) Deductible. The amount of any deductible shall be paid by the Association and/or Owner pursuant to guidelines adopted by the Board.

7.3 Cancellation. All of the policies of insurance maintained by the Association shall contain a provision that such policy or policies shall not be cancelled or terminated, or expired by their terms, or not renewed without 60 days' prior written notice to the Board, the Owners and their respective first Mortgagees (provided that such Owners or Mortgagees have filed written requests with the carrier for such notice) and every other Person in interest who shall have requested such notice of the insurer.

7.4 Board's Authority to Revise Insurance Coverage. The Board shall have the power and right to deviate from the insurance requirements contained in this **Article 7** in any manner that the Board, in its discretion, considers to be in the best interests of the Association. If the Board elects to materially reduce the coverage from the coverage required in this **Article 7**, the Board shall make all reasonable efforts to notify the Members of the reduction in coverage and the reasons therefor at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the reduction.

The Board is authorized to negotiate and agree on the value and extent of any loss under any policy carried by the Association, including, but not limited to, the right and authority to compromise and settle any claim or enforce any claim by legal action or otherwise and to execute releases in favor of any insurer.

Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot, irrevocably appoints the Association or the Insurance Trustee, described in **Section 7.6**, as that Owner's attorney-in-fact for purposes of procuring, negotiating, accepting, compromising, releasing, settling, distributing and taking other related actions in connection with any insurance policy maintained by the Association and any losses or claims related thereto and agrees to be bound by the actions so taken as if the Owner had personally taken the action.

7.5 Periodic Insurance Review. The Board periodically (and not less than once every three years) shall review the Association's insurance policies and make such adjustments to the policies' terms and conditions as the Board considers to be in the best interests of the Association. If applicable, the review shall include an appraisal by a qualified appraiser of the current replacement costs of all covered property under the Association's property insurance policy unless the Board is satisfied that the current dollar limit of the property insurance policy, coupled with the amount of actual reserves on hand, is equal to or greater than the current replacement costs.

7.6 Insurance Trustee. All property insurance proceeds payable to the Association under any property insurance policy procured by the Association as described in **Section 7.2**, subject to the rights of Mortgagees under **Article 9**, may be paid to a trustee as designated by the Board to be held and expended for the benefit of the Owners and Mortgagees as their respective interests shall appear. The trustee shall be a commercial bank or other financial institution with trust powers in the county in which the Development is located that agrees in writing to accept such trust. If repair or reconstruction is authorized, the Association will have the duty to contract for such work as provided for in this Declaration.

7.7 Owners' Property Insurance. Each Owner shall maintain property insurance against losses to personal property located within the residence and to any upgrades or additions to any fixtures or Improvements located within the residence and liability insurance against any liability resulting from any injury or damage occurring within the Lot. **The Association's insurance policies will not provide coverage against any of the foregoing.** Any insurance maintained by an Owner must contain a waiver of subrogation rights by the insurer as to the other Owners, the Association, and any first Mortgagee of the Owner's Lot.

No Owner shall separately insure any property covered by the Association's property insurance policy as described in **Section 7.2** above. If any owner violates this provision and, as a result, there is a diminution in insurance proceeds otherwise payable to the Association, the Owner will be liable to the Association to the extent of the diminution. The Association may levy a reimbursement assessment against the Owner's Lot to collect the amount of the diminution.

7.8 Other Insurance. In addition to the policies described in **Sections 7.1 and 7.2**, the Association may obtain and maintain the following insurance:

- (i) Workers Compensation Insurance to the extent required by law;
- (ii) fidelity bonds or insurance covering officers, directors and employees who have access to any Association funds;

- (iii) officers and directors liability insurance; and
- (iv) such other insurance as the Board in its discretion considers necessary or advisable.

#### ARTICLE 8 - Damage, Destruction or Condemnation

8.1 Restoration Defined. As used in this **Article 8**, the term "restore" shall mean repairing, rebuilding or reconstructing Improvements damaged or destroyed as a result of a fire or other casualty to substantially the same condition and appearance in which they existed prior to fire or other casualty damage.

8.2 Insured Casualty. If any Improvement is damaged or destroyed from a risk covered by the insurance required to be maintained by the Association and the insurance proceeds are sufficient to cover the loss, then the Association, to the extent permitted under existing laws and except as otherwise authorized under this **Article 8**, shall restore the Improvement to the same condition as it was in immediately prior to the damage or destruction. The Association shall proceed with the filing and adjustment of all claims arising under the existing insurance policies. The insurance proceeds shall be paid to and held by the Association or an insurance trustee selected under the provisions of **Section 7.6**. If the insurance proceeds exceed the costs of restoration, the excess proceeds shall be paid into reserves and held for the benefit of the Association.

8.3 Inadequate Insurance Proceeds or Uninsured Loss. If the insurance proceeds are insufficient to restore the damaged Improvement or the loss is uninsured, the Board shall add to any available insurance proceeds all reserve account funds designated for the repair or replacement of the damaged Improvement. If the total funds then available are sufficient to restore the damaged Improvement, the Improvement shall be restored. If the aggregate amount of insurance proceeds and such reserve account funds are insufficient to pay the total costs of restoration, a special assessment shall be levied by the Board up to the maximum amount permitted without the approval of the Members in accordance with the limitations set forth in this Declaration and by law. If the total funds then available are sufficient to restore the damaged Improvement, the Improvement shall be restored.

If the total funds available to the Association are still insufficient to restore the damaged Improvement, then the Board first shall attempt to impose an additional special assessment pursuant to **Section 8.4** below and, second, use a plan of alternative reconstruction pursuant to **Section 8.5** below. If the Members do not approve such actions, then the entire building of which the damaged Improvement is a part shall be sold pursuant to **Section 8.6** below.

8.4 Additional Special Assessment. If the total funds available to restore the damaged Improvement as provided in **Section 8.3** are insufficient, then a meeting of the Members shall be called for the purpose of approving a special assessment to make up all or a part of the deficiency ("Additional Special Assessment"). If the amount of the Additional Special Assessment approved by the Members and the amounts available pursuant to **Section 8.3** above are insufficient to restore the damaged Improvement or if no Additional Special Assessment is approved, the Association shall consider a plan of alternative reconstruction in accordance with **Section 8.5**.

8.5 Alternative Reconstruction. The Board shall consider and propose plans to reconstruct the damaged Improvement making use of whatever funds are available to it pursuant to **Section 8.3** and **Section 8.4** above ("Alternative Reconstruction"). All proposals shall be presented to the Owners. If two-thirds of the voting power of the Owners whose residences were materially damaged as determined by the Association ("Affected Owners") and a majority of the

voting power of the Members, including the Affected Owners, agree to any plan of Alternative Reconstruction, then the Board shall contract for the reconstruction of the damaged Improvement in accordance with the plan of Alternative Reconstruction making use of whatever funds are then available to it. If no plan of Alternative Reconstruction is agreed to, then the provisions of **Section 8.6** shall apply.

8.6 Sale of Building. If the damaged Improvement is part of a building containing residences (the "Damaged Building"), the damage renders one or more of the residences within the Damaged Building uninhabitable, and the Improvements will not be restored in accordance with the provisions of **Sections 8.3, 8.4 and/or 8.5**, the Board, as the attorney-in-fact for each Owner of a residence in the Damaged Building, shall be empowered to sell the Damaged Building (including the land), including all residences therein, in their then present condition on terms to be determined by the Board, provided that the Board receives adequate assurances that the purchaser shall, and has the financial capability to: (i) restore the Damaged Building (either by renovation or removal and rebuilding); (ii) remove the Damaged Building and restore any remaining Improvements as may be necessary; (iii) remove the Damaged Building (including foundations), grade the area, and appropriately landscape or otherwise improve the area in any manner as may be acceptable to the Board; or (iv) perform any combination of the foregoing. Any work to be performed by the purchaser with respect to any of the foregoing shall be subject to the architectural provisions in the Master Declaration.

The proceeds from the sale, together with the insurance proceeds received for the Damaged Building and any reserve funds allocated to the damaged Improvement, after deducting therefrom the Association's sale expenses, including commissions, title and recording fees, legal costs, and that portion of the proceeds allocated for the removal of the Damaged Building, shall be distributed among those Owners whose residence in the building and their respective Mortgagees in proportion to the respective fair market values of the residences immediately prior to the date of the event causing the damage as determined by an independent appraisal made by a qualified real estate appraiser selected by the Board.

8.7 Rebuilding Contract. If there is a determination to restore, the Board or its authorized representative shall obtain bids from at least two licensed and reputable contractors and shall accept the repair and reconstruction work from whomever the Board determines to be in the best interests of the Members. The Board shall have the authority to enter into a written contract with the contractor for such repair and reconstruction, and the repair and reconstruction funds shall be disbursed to the contractor according to the terms of the contract. The Board shall take all steps necessary to assure the commencement and completion of authorized repair and reconstruction at the earliest possible date. Such construction shall be commenced no later than 180 days after the event requiring reconstruction and shall thereafter be diligently prosecuted to completion. Such construction shall return the Development to substantially the same condition and appearance in which it existed prior to the damage or destruction.

8.8 Condemnation. If any action for condemnation of all or any portion of the Common Area is proposed or threatened by any governmental agency having the right of eminent domain, then, after approval by vote or written consent of Members holding at least 51% of the total voting power of the Association and with the consent of the first mortgagees as may be required herein, the Common Area or a portion of it may be sold and conveyed to the condemning authority by the Association or its designees acting as the attorney-in-fact of all the Owners under an irrevocable power of attorney, which each Owner by accepting a deed to a Lot in the Development grants to the Board, and which shall be coupled with the interest of all other Owners, for a price deemed fair and equitable by the Board. Proceeds of any such sale shall be allocated equally among the Lots and distributed to each Owner and their Mortgagees as their respective interests may appear. If the Common Area or any portion of it is not sold but is instead taken, the award shall be apportioned among the Owners and their respective Mortgagees by the terms of the judgment of condemnation; and if not so apportioned, then the award shall be distributed equally to each Owner and their Mortgagees as their respective interests may appear.

8.9 Dispute Resolution. Any dispute regarding the rights and duties under this **Article 8** shall be submitted to Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services ("JAMS") any successor thereto, or any other dispute resolution provider mutually acceptable to the parties for resolution. The dispute first shall be submitted to non-binding mediation for resolution. If the dispute cannot be resolved through mediation, the dispute shall be submitted to binding arbitration. Unless the parties agree otherwise, the dispute shall be heard by a single arbitrator in the county where the Development is located. In the arbitration proceeding, each party shall have full discovery rights as authorized by Code of Civil Procedure section 1283.05 or any success statute thereto. The decision of the arbitrator shall be binding on the parties and may be enforced in any court of appropriate jurisdiction. The arbitrator in his or her discretion may award costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, to the prevailing party.

#### ARTICLE 9 - Rights of Mortgagees

9.1 Lender Definitions. Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms as used in this **Article 9** shall have the definitions contained in this **Section 9.1**. An "institutional" Mortgagee is a first Mortgagee that is: (i) a federally or state chartered or licensed bank or savings and loan association; (ii) a mortgage company or other entity chartered or licensed under federal or state laws whose principal business is lending money on the security of real property or investing in such loans; (iii) an insurance company; (iv) a federal or state agency or instrumentality including, without limitation, the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation; or (v) an insurer or governmental guarantor of a first Mortgage including the Federal Housing Authority and the Veterans Administration. A "first Mortgage" or "first Mortgagee" is one having a priority as to all other Mortgages or holders of Mortgages encumbering the same Lot or other portions of the Development.

9.2 Encumbrance. Any Owner may encumber his or her Lot with a Mortgage or Mortgages.

9.3 Rights of Institutional Mortgagees. Any institutional Mortgagee who obtains title to a Lot pursuant to the remedies provided in the first Mortgage, including judicial foreclosure or nonjudicial foreclosure under a power of sale (but excluding voluntary conveyance to the first Mortgagee), shall take the Lot free of any obligation to pay any assessments that were delinquent as of the date the institutional Mortgagee acquired title to the Lot, including any interest, penalties or late charges in connection therewith. The institutional Mortgagee as Owner of the Lot shall be obligated to pay any assessments that were not delinquent as of the date the institutional Mortgagee took title to the Lot and all future assessments levied against the Lot as long as the institutional Mortgagee remains in title, including any special assessments levied by the Association to raise operating or reserve funds needed because of uncollected delinquent assessments, as long as the special assessment is allocated among all the Lots as provided in **Section 6.9**.

9.4 Subordination. Any assessment lien established under the provisions of this Declaration is expressly made subject to and subordinate to the rights of any Mortgage that encumbers all or any portion of the Development or any Lot made in good faith and for value and recorded before the recordation of a notice of delinquent assessment. No assessment lien shall in any way defeat, invalidate or impair the obligation or priority of such Mortgage unless the Mortgagee expressly subordinates in writing its interest to such lien. If any Lot is encumbered by a Mortgage made in good faith and for value, the foreclosure of any assessment lien cannot operate to affect or impair the lien of any Mortgage recorded prior to the recordation of the notice of delinquent assessment. Upon the foreclosure of any prior-recorded Mortgage, any lien for delinquent assessment shall be subordinate to the Mortgage lien; and the purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall take title free of the assessment lien. By taking title, the purchaser shall be obligated to pay only assessments or other charges that were not delinquent at the time the purchaser acquired title or that were levied by the Association on or after the date the purchaser

acquired title to the Lot. Any subsequently-levied assessments or other charges may include previously-unpaid assessments, provided all Owners, including the purchaser and its successors and assigns, are required to pay their proportionate share of such unpaid assessments.

9.5 Breaches. No breach of any provision of this Declaration shall invalidate the lien of any Mortgage made in good faith or for value; but all of the covenants, conditions and restrictions shall be binding on any Owner whose title is derived through foreclosure sale, trustee sale or otherwise.

#### ARTICLE 10 - Amendments

10.1 Amendment Before Close of First Sale. Before the close of the first sale of a Lot in the Development to a purchaser other than Declarant or an entity controlled by Declarant, this Declaration may be amended in any respect or rescinded by Declarant by recording an instrument amending or rescinding the Declaration. The amending or rescinding instrument shall make appropriate reference to this Declaration and its amendments and shall be acknowledged and recorded in the county in which the Development is located. For purposes herein, a Person is considered controlled by Declarant if the Declarant holds 50% or more of the capital and profit interests if a partnership or limited liability company, 50% or more of the voting shares if a corporation, and 50% or more of the beneficial interests if a trust.

10.2 Amendment After Close of First Sale. After the close of the first sale of a Lot in the Development to a purchaser other than Declarant or an entity controlled by Declarant, this Declaration may be amended or revoked in any respect with the vote or written consent of the holders of not less than 51% of the voting rights of each class of Owners or, if a single class of Owners is then in effect, by the vote or written consent of not less than 51% of all votes and 51% of all votes excluding Declarant. If any provision of this Declaration requires a greater or lesser percentage of the voting rights of any class of Owners in order to take affirmative or negative action under such provision, the same percentage of such class or classes of Owners shall be required to amend or revoke such provision. Also, if the consent or approval of any governmental authority, Mortgagee or other person, firm, agency or entity is required under this Declaration with respect to any amendment or revocation of any provision of this Declaration, no such amendment or revocation shall become effective unless such consent or approval is obtained. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any provision in this Declaration conferring rights or benefits on Declarant may not be amended or rescinded without the prior written consent of Declarant except as expressly authorized by Civil Code section 1355.5. The amendment is effective when it has been approved by the appropriate percentage of Owners as required herein, the approval has been certified in a writing executed and acknowledged by the officer designated in the Declaration or by the Association for that purpose (or, if no one has been designated, the President of the Association), and the amendment and certification have been recorded in the county in which the Development is located.

#### ARTICLE 11 - Declarant Claim Procedures

Any claim, dispute or other controversy between the Association and/or any Owner(s) and the Declarant or any director, officer, shareholder, partner, employee or agent of the Declarant or any contractor, subcontractor, design professional, engineer or other person that provided materials, labor or other services to the Development (collectively the "Declarant" for purposes of this Article 11) relating to this Declaration, the use or condition of any Lot or Common Area, and/or the design, specifications, surveying, grading, construction, installation and/or operation of any Improvements or landscaping located thereon, including any claims made under Civil Code

sections 896 or 897 (individually and collectively the "Claim") shall be subject to the claim procedures set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.

The claims procedures in Exhibit A do not apply to any action taken by the Association to enforce delinquent assessments, which shall be governed by **Section 6.10** of this Declaration.

#### ARTICLE 12 - Miscellaneous Provisions

12.1 Headings. The headings used in this Declaration are for convenience only and are not to be used to interpret the meaning of any of the provisions of this Declaration.

12.2 Severability. The provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed independent and severable, and the invalidity or partial invalidity or unenforceability of any provision or provisions or any portion thereof shall not invalidate any other provision or any portion of the provisions not found invalid or unenforceable.

12.3 Cumulative Remedies. Each remedy provided for in this Declaration shall be cumulative and nonexclusive. Failure to exercise any remedy provided for in this Declaration shall not, under any circumstances, be construed as a waiver of the remedy.

12.4 Discrimination. No Owner shall execute or cause to be recorded any instrument that imposes a restriction on the sale, leasing or occupancy of the Owner's Lot on the basis of race, sex, marital status, national ancestry, color or religion.

12.5 Access to Books. Any Owner, at any reasonable time and upon reasonable notice to the Board or manager and at the Owner's expense, may cause an audit or inspection to be made of the books and financial records of the Association.

12.6 Notification of Sale. No later than five days after the closing of the sale of any Lot, the new Owner shall notify the Association of such sale. Such notification shall be in writing and shall set forth the name and address of the new Owner and the date of sale.

12.7 Reservation or Grant of Easements. Any easements referred to in this Declaration shall be deemed reserved or granted, or both reserved and granted, by reference to this Declaration in any deed to any Lot.

12.8 Incorporation of Exhibits. All exhibits referred to herein and attached to this Declaration are incorporated herein by reference as fully set forth herein.

12.9 Enforcement Rights and Remedies. The covenants, restrictions, rights and duties contained in this Declaration constitute covenants running with the land and equitable servitudes that benefit and bind each Lot in the Development, each Owner, and each successive Owner thereto, and may be enforced by the Association or any Owner in any legal or equitable action pursuant to the procedures described herein.

Each Owner acknowledges and agrees that if any Person breaches any of the restrictions contained herein, money damages may not be adequate compensation. As a result, each Owner agrees that in the event of a breach, the non-breaching party, in addition to any other remedy available at law or equity, shall be entitled to equitable relief, including, but not limited to, an order compelling the breaching party to perform an act which the party is required to perform under this Declaration or which is necessary to bring the breaching party or the breaching party's Lot into compliance with restrictions contained herein or prohibiting the breaching party from performing any act that violates the restrictions.



Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Association shall have the exclusive right to levy assessments and to take appropriate action to enforce delinquent assessments, including imposition of an assessment lien and the foreclosure of the lien. Furthermore, the Association shall have the primary responsibility for enforcing the restrictions contained in **Article 3**. If any Owner or occupant desires the Association to take any enforcement action, the Owner or occupant shall notify the Association in writing of the alleged violation. On receipt, the Board shall review the matter and shall determine what action, if any, to take. Neither the Board nor the Association or any director, officer or agent thereof shall be liable if the Board in the exercise of its judgment elects not to take any action. To the extent applicable, the Board shall comply with the due process requirements described in this Declaration. If within 90 days after receipt of the notice the Board has failed to take any corrective action and the alleged violation has not been cured and is continuing, any Owner may bring an action on the Owner's behalf for appropriate legal and/or equitable relief. In such action, the Owner shall bear his or her own costs and attorneys' fees, provided that the prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to recovery of such costs and fees.

Prior to the commencement of any civil action against the Association or any Owner, the Association or the Owner bringing the civil action shall comply with the requirements of Civil Code section 1354 to the extent applicable.

12.10 Term. The term of this Declaration shall be for a period of 50 years from the date on which this Declaration is recorded in the records of the county in which the Development is located. After that time, this Declaration and each of its restrictions and covenants and other provisions automatically shall be extended for successive ten-year periods unless this Declaration is rescinded by the written consent of Owners holding a majority of the total voting power of the Association. The rescission shall be effective on recordation of a notice of rescission in the records of the county in which the Development is located.

12.11 Reserved Rights of Declarant. Declarant is recording this Declaration as part of the construction of a residential development. No covenant or restriction contained herein shall be applied in any manner that would unreasonably interfere with Declarant's rights to complete the construction of the Improvements and to sell the Improvements. The rights retained by Declarant during the construction and sales period include, but are not limited to, the right to:

- (i) maintain construction equipment, personnel and materials on the Property;
- (ii) use such portions of the Property as may be necessary or advisable to complete the construction or sales;
- (iii) maintain construction and/or sales offices on the Property and appropriate parking to accommodate the foregoing;
- (iv) maintain sale signs or other appropriate advertisements on the Property;
- (v) maintain model homes for viewing by prospective purchasers; and
- (vi) allow prospective purchasers access to the Property to inspect any Common Area or any model homes.

12.12 Assignment by Declarant. Declarant may assign all or any portion of its rights and delegate all or any portion of its duties to any other Person; and from and after the date of such assignment and/or delegation, the Declarant shall have no further rights and/or duties hereunder with respect to the rights assigned and duties delegated. Any successor or assign of the rights and duties of the Declarant may execute an instrument assuming the rights and duties of the Declarant hereunder and thereafter shall be entitled to exercise all the rights of Declarant so assigned and shall be obligated to perform all the Declarant's duties so delegated, provided such successor or assign shall not be liable in any manner for any act or omission committed or omitted by the Declarant before the date the successor or assign succeeded to the rights of the Declarant hereunder.

12.13 Attorneys' Fees. Except as provided in **Article 11**, in the event of any litigation or alternative dispute resolution procedure arbitration regarding the rights or obligations of the Association or any Person subject to this Declaration, the prevailing party in such proceeding, in the discretion of the judge or decision-maker, shall be entitled to recover costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

12.14 Notices. Any notice permitted or required by this Declaration, the Articles, Bylaws or Rules shall be considered received on the date the notice is personally delivered to the recipient or 48 hours after the notice is deposited in the United States mail, first-class, registered or certified, postage prepaid and addressed to the recipient at the address that the recipient has provided the Association for receipt of notice or, if no such address was provided, at the recipient's Lot address in the Development.

12.15 No Enforcement Waiver. Failure to enforce a restriction in the past in and of itself shall not constitute a defense to any action brought against any Owner for violation of any restriction contained herein. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot in the Development, acknowledges that the enforcement of these restrictions may vary as a result of different Owners, Boards or Architectural Committees, changing conditions, or other reasons and agrees that the failure of any Owner, Board or Committee to enforce any particular restriction, even if such failure is for an extended period of time, shall not in any manner restrict or estop the right of any Owner, Board or Committee to enforce these restrictions at any future time.

#### ARTICLE 13 - Annexation

13.1 Automatic Annexation. The real property described in Exhibit B or any portion of it may be annexed at anytime into the Development in one or more phases and made subject to this Declaration at the written election of the Declarant (or by the successors in title to such real property). Declarant reserves the right to determine the number of phases, the number of lots in a phase, and the building types in a phase. Declarant makes no representations or warranty that any subsequent phase will be annexed into the Development and has no obligation to annex any subsequent phase into the Development. Each election shall be made by the recording of a declaration of annexation. The declaration of annexation shall describe the real property to be annexed and shall state that it is being executed pursuant to the terms of this Declaration for the purpose of annexing the property described in the declaration of annexation into the Development and to subject the property to the terms of this Declaration. Any declaration of annexation recorded in accordance with the terms of this section shall be conclusively presumed valid in favor of all Persons who relied on it in good faith. In recording the declaration of annexation in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration, the real property described in the declaration of annexation shall be a part of the Development and subject to the provisions of this Declaration and to the rights and powers of the Association pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, the Articles and the Bylaws; and thereafter all Owners of Lots constituting a portion of the annexed real property shall automatically be Members of the Association with voting rights commencing on the date regular assessments commence. Regular and special assessments with respect to the annexed property shall commence at the time and to the extent described in **Section 6.7**.


If the annexed property has been rented for at least one year before the closing of the first Lot in the annexed phase, the Declarant shall pay the Association appropriate amounts for reserves for replacement or deferred maintenance of Common Area Improvements or other Improvements that the Association is required to maintain in the annexed phase.

13.2 Annexation by Approval. Except for the automatic annexation provision contained in **Section 13.1**, no additional real property shall be annexed into the Development without the

approval of Members holding two-thirds of the total voting power of the Association other than Declarant and such approval of Mortgages as may be required herein.

THIS DECLARATION is executed this 18 day of April, 2003.

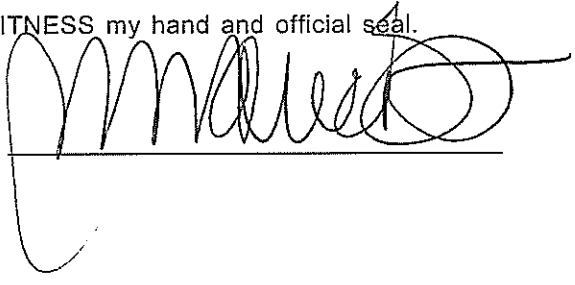
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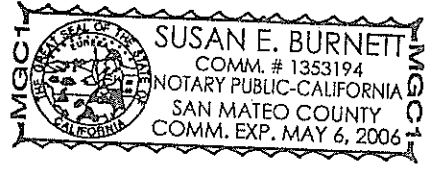
By:   
Its Secretary

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF San Mateo )ss.

On 4/18/03 before me, the undersigned,  
personally appeared Christopher Wuthmann, personally known to me (or  
proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are  
subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same  
in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the  
person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature 



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## CLAIMS PROCEDURE

### EXHIBIT A

This Exhibit contains alternative dispute resolution procedures that include a waiver of a trial by a jury. You are advised to read these procedures carefully and consult with legal counsel if you have any questions.

This document describes the procedures for filing claims against Declarant and certain other designated parties related to this Development. Unless the context indicates otherwise, the definitions set forth in Article 1 of the Declaration shall apply in this Exhibit.

Any claim, dispute or other controversy between the Association and/or any Owner(s) and the Declarant or any director, officer, shareholder, partner, employee or agent of the Declarant or any contractor, subcontractor, design professional, engineer or other person that provided materials, labor or other services to the Development (collectively the "Declarant" for purposes of this Exhibit) relating to this Declaration, the use or condition of any Lot, and/or the design, specifications, surveying, grading, construction, installation and/or operation of any Improvements or landscaping located thereon, including but not limited to any claims for violation of the construction standards set forth in Civil Code sections 896 and 897, whether based in contract, tort or statute violation, (individually and collectively the "Claim") shall be subject to the Claim procedures set forth in **Sections 1 and 2** of this Exhibit.

**The procedures in this Exhibit do not apply to Declarant's normal customer service procedures. Owners are encouraged to resolve any potential Claim first through Declarant's normal customer service procedures.** It is intended that the procedures in this Exhibit become operative only if the Claim cannot be resolved in accordance with Declarant's normal customer service procedures; provided however, a Claim may be filed under the provisions in this Exhibit without complying with Declarant's normal customer service procedures.

Declarant, the Association and each Owner covenant that each shall forbear from commencing any litigation without complying with the procedures described in **Sections 1 and 2**. If any party breaches the foregoing, the other party may obtain an appropriate order compelling the breaching party to comply with the procedures. Except as is expressly authorized by law, nothing herein shall reduce or extend any applicable time frame within which legal action must be

commenced, including applicable statutes of limitation or repose and time frames set forth in Civil Code Sections 896, 897 and 941.

Title 7 of Part 2 of Division 2 of the Civil Code (Civil Code sections 895 through 945.5) commonly known as "SB 800" sets forth functionality or construction standards that describe how the Improvements and landscaping within this Development should function (the "Functionality Standards"). SB 800 impacts the legal rights of the Association and each Owner. Civil Code sections 910 through 938 contain prelitigation procedures that Declarant may elect to use or Declarant may elect to use alternate procedures. Declarant's election is set forth in **Section 1**. The Association and Owner have certain rights under SB 800 if the Improvement or landscaping fails to meet a Functionality Standard during the applicable time period. These rights may be lost as described in Civil Code section 945.5, including if the Association or Owner: (1) fails to follow the Declarant's or the manufacturer's reasonable recommendations regarding inspection and maintenance, including schedules; (2) fails to follow commonly accepted homeowner maintenance guidelines; (3) fails to provide Declarant with timely notice after a discovery of the violation of the Functionality Standard or to allow Declarant with reasonable and timely access for repairs; or (4) unreasonably fails to minimize or prevent damages in a timely manner.

**1. Nonadversarial Prelitigation Procedures:**

If the Association or an Owner elects to make a Claim (the "Claimant"), including any Claim for violation of the standards set forth in Civil Code sections 896 or 897, the Claim shall be subject to the nonadversarial prelitigation procedures set forth in this **Section 1**. Civil Code sections 910 through 938 set forth certain nonadversarial prelitigation procedures for the resolution of claims made for violation of the standards under Civil Code Sections 896 or 897. As authorized by Civil Code section 914, Declarant has elected not to use these procedures and to use instead the alternative nonadversarial prelitigation procedures set forth in this **Section 1**. The Claimant shall notify Declarant in writing of the Claim pursuant to the Claim notice requirements in **Section 3** of this Exhibit. The notice shall: (i) contain the Claimant's name and address, (ii) state that the Claimant elects to commence the procedures in this Exhibit to resolve the Claim; and (iii) describe the nature and location of the Claim in reasonable detail (the "Claim Notice"). The Claim is subject to the following nonadversarial prelitigation procedures:

(i) Notice, Right to Inspect, and Right to Corrective Action. Within 30 days of Declarant's receipt of the Claim Notice, the Claimant and Declarant's representatives shall meet at the Claimant's Property to discuss the Claim. At such meeting or at such other mutually-agreeable time, Declarant's representatives shall have full access to the Property for the purposes of inspecting the Property and investigating the Claim. The parties shall negotiate in good faith in

an attempt to resolve the Claim. If the Claimant and Declarant cannot agree on the validity of the Claim, the corrective action needed, the party to take the corrective action or any other matter related to the Claim within 60 days of Declarant's receipt of the Claim Notice or such longer time as may be mutually acceptable to the Claimant and Declarant, either party may commence the mediation procedures described in **Section 1(ii)** below. If the parties agree on any corrective action, Declarant's representatives shall be provided full access to the Property to take and complete corrective action. Declarant shall commence the corrective work no later than 30 days following the Claimant's acceptance of the proposed corrective action, and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to complete the work within 90 days. If Declarant fails to respond to the Claim Notice or fails to meet with the Claimant within the time period required herein, the Claimant is released from any further obligation to comply with the nonadversarial procedures in this **Section 1** and may proceed to initiate the binding adversarial procedures in **Section 2**.

(ii) Mediation. If the Claim is not resolved in accordance with the procedures described in **Section 1(i)** and except as otherwise provided in **Section 1(i)**, either the Claimant or the Declarant may submit the Claim to mediation under the mediation procedures adopted by the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services ("JAMS") or any successor thereto or to any other entity offering mediation services that is acceptable to the Claimant and the Declarant. The parties shall cooperate so that the mediation hearing can be held as soon as practicable. If the mediation hearing cannot take place within 90 days of Declarant's receipt of the Claims Notice or such later date as may be acceptable to Claimant and Declarant, the parties are released from any further obligation under this **Section 1(ii)** and either party may proceed to initiate the binding adversarial procedures described in **Section 2** of this Exhibit.

Each party shall bear their own mediation expenses provided that the initial mediation administrative fee and the mediator's fee for a maximum of four hours shall be borne by Declarant and thereafter equally by the parties unless they agree otherwise. Any party to the mediation may at anytime after a minimum of four hours of mediation terminate the mediation by notifying the other parties and the mediator and proceed to the binding adversarial procedures described in **Section 2** of this Exhibit.

No person shall serve as a mediator who has any financial or personal interest in the result of the mediation, except by the written consent of all parties. Prior to accepting any appointment, the prospective mediator shall disclose any circumstances likely to create a presumption of bias or prevent a prompt commencement of the mediation process.

Each party shall submit a brief memorandum setting forth its position with regard to the issues that need to be resolved within ten days of the selection of the mediator or within such

time frame established by the mediator. The mediation shall be commenced within ten days following the submittal of the memoranda. The mediation shall be held in the county in which the Property is located or such other place as is mutually acceptable to the parties.

The mediator has discretion to conduct the mediation in the manner in which the mediator believes is most appropriate for reaching a settlement of the Claim. The mediator is authorized to conduct joint and separate meetings with the parties and to make oral and written recommendations for settlement. Whenever necessary, the mediator may also obtain expert advice concerning technical aspects of the Claim, provided the parties agree and assume the expenses of obtaining such advice. The mediator does not have the authority to impose a settlement on the parties.

The mediation shall be subject to the provisions of Evidence Code sections 1115 through 1128, or any successor statutes thereto, except as the parties may agree otherwise in writing or orally in accordance with the requirements of Evidence Code section 1118.

Persons other than the parties, the representatives and the mediator may attend mediation sessions only with the permission of the parties and the consent of the mediator. Confidential information disclosed to a mediator by the parties or by witnesses in the course of the mediation shall not be divulged by the mediator. All records, reports, or other documents received by the mediator while serving in such capacity shall be confidential. There shall be no stenographic record of the mediation process.

If the Claim is not resolved in accordance with these nonadversarial prelitigation procedures, the Claim shall be resolved in accordance with the binding adversarial procedures set forth in **Section 2** of this Exhibit.

## **2. Binding Adversarial Procedures:**

If Claimant and Declarant cannot resolve the entire Claim in accordance with the procedures in **Section 1** of this Exhibit or if corrective action is undertaken by Declarant and the parties disagree on the adequacy of the corrective action or any other claims arising from the corrective action, the portion of the Claim not resolved, including any unresolved claims arising out of the corrective action undertaken by Declarant or Declarant's agents, shall be resolved in accordance with the following binding adversarial procedure.

Either party may commence binding arbitration by submitting the Claim to Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services ("JAMS") for resolution under the JAMS commercial arbitration



rules. The arbitration will be heard by a single arbitrator unless the Claimant and Declarant otherwise agree in writing. The Claimant and Declarant each waives the right to a jury trial.

The Association, each Owner and Declarant acknowledge and agree that any Claim involving the design, specification, surveying, grading, construction, installation or operation of any Improvement or landscaping within the Development, including any Claim under Civil Code Sections 896 and 897, involves interstate commerce and is subject to and governed by the Federal Arbitration Act, notwithstanding any State or local laws or ordinances to the contrary and notwithstanding the fact the parties have elected to utilize certain State law arbitration procedures to resolve the Claim. The following provisions and procedures shall apply in all cases unless the parties agree otherwise in writing:

(i) the proceedings shall be heard in the County in which the Property is located;

(ii) the matter shall be heard by a single arbitrator who shall be a retired judge or attorney with at least five years experience in real estate matters;

(iii) the fee to initiate the arbitration shall be paid by the Declarant and the arbitrator's fees shall be borne equally by Declarant and the Claimant, unless Declarant agrees in writing to advance the arbitrator's fees, provided that arbitration costs and fees, including any initiation fee and the arbitrator's fees, ultimately shall be borne as determined by the arbitrator;

(vi) each party shall bear its own attorneys' fees and costs (including expert costs) for the arbitration;

(v) the arbitrator shall be appointed within 60 days of the administrator's receipt of a written request to arbitrate the dispute. In selecting the arbitrator, the provisions of section 1297.121 of the Code of Civil Procedure shall apply. The arbitrator appointed to serve shall be a neutral and impartial individual. The arbitrator may be challenged for any of the grounds listed therein or in section 1297.124 of the Code of Civil Procedure;

(vi) the arbitrator may require one or more pre-hearing conferences;

(vii) the parties shall be entitled to discovery to the extent allowed by section 1283.05 of the Code of Civil Procedure;

(viii) the arbitrator shall be authorized to provide all recognized remedies available in law or equity;

(ix) the arbitrator in his or her discretion may award costs (including the initiation fee and the arbitrator's fees) and/or attorneys' fees to the party that the arbitrator determines was the prevailing party;

(x) the arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding on the parties unless corrected or validated under the grounds authorized in Code of Civil Procedure section 1286.2 or 1286.6; and,

(xi) The arbitrator's decision may be enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction.

If any provision of this **Section 2** shall be determined to be unenforceable or to have been waived, the remaining provisions shall be deemed to be severable therefrom and enforceable according to their terms.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, if any party determines in good faith that not all necessary and appropriate parties, including, but not limited to, contractors, subcontractors, design professionals, and/or material suppliers, will participate in the arbitration in order to accomplish a complete and final resolution of the Claim, this party shall notify the other party or parties in writing identifying the parties that will not participate; and thereafter all parties to the Claim shall be released from any obligation to participate in the arbitration, and any party may file a lawsuit in any court of competent jurisdiction to resolve the Claim.

### **3. Agent for Services of Claim Notice:**

Notice of any Claim made, including Civil Code Section 896 and 897 claims, or requests for information regarding SB 800 or for copies of the documents described in **Section 4** may be served on Declarant's agent via certified mail, overnight mail or personal delivery. The name and address of Declarant's agent for this purpose is:

Claims Procedures - Hawk Ridge  
718 Oak Grove Avenue  
Menlo Park, Ca 94025

If the notice cannot be served on Declarant's agent at the above-referenced address because the agent is no longer located at the address or the agent has changed and Declarant has not

provided the Claimant with an updated address or the name and/or address of the new agent, the Claimant may serve the claim notice on Declarant's agent for service of process on file with the California Secretary of State's Office in Sacramento, California. The current telephone number and website for the Secretary of State's Office are: (916) 657-5448 and [www.ss.ca.gov](http://www.ss.ca.gov). If the notice is served via mail, it shall be assumed received by Declarant on the third business day following deposit into the U.S. Mails. If delivered via overnight mail, such as Federal Express or UPS, it shall be assumed received on the next business day. If delivered personally, it shall be assumed received on the date of personal delivery. These assumptions may be rebutted by Declarant if Declarant did not receive actual notice.

#### **4. Documents:**

Declarant has provided copies of the following documents to the initial purchasers of homes in this Development:

- (i) inspection and maintenance schedules and guidelines;
- (ii) a limited fit and finish warranty and manufacturers products' limited warranties;
- (iii) a copy of Title 7 of Part 2 of the Civil Code (SB 800); and
- (iv) Annotated Version of the Functionality Standards.

The initial purchasers were required to retain the foregoing documents (the "Documents") and on transfer of title to the Property to a subsequent owner to transfer the Documents or provide true and complete copies to the new owner(s) on or before transfer of title and instruct the new owner(s) that they are to retain the Documents and transfer or provide copies to any subsequent owner(s). **Replacement copies of the Documents may be obtained from Declarant by contacting Declarant at Declarant's principal place of business or through the agent for claim notice purposes described in Section 3 of this Exhibit.** Declarant may charge a reasonable fee for providing replacement copies.

#### **5. Covenants:**

The covenants, restrictions, rights, duties, benefits and burdens benefit and bind each Lot and each Owner and successive Owner thereto as covenants running with the land and equitable servitudes and as authorized under Civil Code Section 945.

EXHIBIT B - Property That May Be Annexed

Parcel 1, as shown on that certain Parcel Map filed April 2, 2001 in the office of the Plumas County Recorder, State of California, in Book 11 of Parcel Maps, at Page 96.

Excepting therefrom, Lots 1 thru 22, Common Areas and Hawk Ridge, as shown on that certain map entitled "Whitehawk Ranch Phase IX, Unit 3a" filed July 26, 2002 in the office of the Plumas County Recorder, State of California, in Book 9 of Maps, at Page 64.

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\*Declarant at its discretion reserves the right to establish the order of phases; the number of Common Area Lot or Residential Lots in a phase, the number of phases, or the building types in a phase.