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AQUAMARINE SOLAR PROJECT

Chuck Kinney
Kings County
1400 W Lacey Boulevard
Hanford, CA 93230

Dear Mr. Kinney:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposal to build an 1,825-acre solar project that will generate 250 MW of electricity with a 230-kV substation. The project site is located south of State Route (SR) 198 and Avenal Cutoff Road, and west of SR 41, in the City of Lemoore.

The mission of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. To ensure a safe and efficient transportation system, we encourage early consultation and coordination with local jurisdictions and project proponents on all development projects that utilize the multimodal transportation network.

Caltrans provides the following comments consistent with the State's smart mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and sustainable communities:

1. The State facilities that will be serving this project will be SR 41, SR 198, SR 269, and Interstate 5. No direct access to State facilities is allowed and it is expected that local access served will be through Avenal Cutoff Road, Laurel Avenue, and Nevada Avenue.
2. The project will generate the greatest volume of traffic during the construction phases when workers are onsite during preparation, grading, panel installation, and electrical equipment installation for the project. Project workers are expected to arrive to the site at 7 AM and depart by 5 PM.
3. Caltrans requests that truck/equipment trips be restricted to off-peak hours of 9 AM to 4 PM.

If you have any further questions, contact Scott Lau at (559) 445-5763 or scott.lau@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lorena Mendibles".

LORENA MENDIBLES, Chief
Transportation Planning - South

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