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FRE-180-43.777 SCH# 2019080200 Eastside Community Park

Andrew Chamberlain 10th District Agricultural Association 850 S Madera Avenue Kerman, CA 93630

Dear Mx. Chamberlain:

Caltrans has completed its review of the Initial Study of the development of Eastside Community Park (SCH# 2019080200). The project will be located on the northeast corner of California and Goldenrod Avenues near the city of Kerman. It is Caltrans' mission to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability, therefore the following comments are offered:

The project incorporates many elements that promote physical activity, public health, and livability—including a spray park, multi-use fields, lighted walkways, and a community garden. Caltrans supports the decision to include a bus stop and shelter on-site, especially because the project site is currently outside the city's sphere of influence.

Although the area around the project site is mostly agricultural/undeveloped, there are residences north of the project that may generate bike and pedestrian traffic to/from the park. Caltrans recommends the uncontrolled railroad crossing at Goldenrod Avenue, between those homes and the park, be evaluated for pedestrian safety.

If there are questions regarding these comments, please contact me at (559) 488-7307 or email <u>Jamaica.Gentry@dot.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely JAMAICA GENTRY

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