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SCH #2019090305  
CUP #9, GPA #10, Map #219  
PASTORIA SOLAR PROJECT

Ms. Cindi Hoover  
Kern County  
2700 M Street, Suite 100  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Dear Ms. Hoover:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for Conditional Use Permit #9, General Plan Amendment #10, Map #219, which proposes to build a photovoltaic electrical generating facility with capacity to generate up to 115 megawatt (MW) hours of renewable electrical energy and storing up to 40 MW in a Battery Storage System (BESS) on approximately 650 acres of privately owned land. The project site is located east of Interstate 5 (I-5) between Wheeler Ridge and Grapevine, in the County of Kern.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) provides the following comments consistent with the State's Smart Mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and sustainable communities:

The average daily workforce during the construction of this project would temporarily be 190 with a peak workforce of 400 employees. It is therefore assumed that there would be approximately 380 daily trips and a maximum of 800 daily trips generated. As a result, the traffic generated will negatively impact traffic flow. The increase will also exceed any Level of Service (LOS) standard established by the County Congestion Management Plan for roads and highways. These impacts must be evaluated in the DEIR and submitted to Caltrans for further review.

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

Sincerely,

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

LORENA MENDIBLES, Chief  
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