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Raceway 2.0 Solar - Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Mr. Smalls:

Thank you for giving the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 9 the opportunity to comment during the NOP phase for the Raceway 2.0 Solar Project in eastern Kern County. We offer the following:

- We look forward to reviewing the EIR's evaluation of potential impacts on the roadway system from construction related trips as noted in section <u>XVII.</u> <u>Transportation</u>. Such analysis should address adequacy of the Avenue A/State Route (SR)14 intersection, SR 138, and the need for a traffic management plan.
- Project descriptions imply potential gen-tie crossing of SR 138, which is in District 7. Details regarding state highway gen-tie crossing may be found in Section 600 Utility Permits of the Encroachment Permit Manual at: <u>https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-</u> media/programs/traffic-operations/documents/encroachment-permits/chapter-6ada.pdf

The permit application may be found at: <u>https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications</u>

For more information, you may contact the District 7 Permits Office at (213) 897-3631.

We value our cooperative working relationship with Kern County regarding development impacts on the state transportation system. For any questions, feel free to contact me at (760) 872-0785 or at <u>gayle.rosander@dot.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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