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AMA-88-PM 5.14 Contractor Storage Yard Initial Study (IS) SCH: 2022110219

Mr. Bratan,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Contractor Storage Yard Initial Study to allow for a contractor's storage yard to store, repair, and maintain various tree servicing equipment and allow for up to six (6) cargo containers.

The proposed project is located at 4545 State Route (SR) 88 in Ione. The Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) are 005-200-010 and 005-200-011.

## Caltrans has the following comments:

## **Environmental**

If any construction-related activities encroach into Caltrans Right of Way (ROW), the project proponent must apply for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office. All California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation, with supporting technical studies, must be submitted with the Encroachment Permit Application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts on cultural sites, historic properties, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, scenic highways, and/or other environmental resources within Caltrans ROW at the project site(s). Evidence of consultation with local Native American tribes and interested parties will need to be presented within the technical documents to approve encroachment in the Caltrans ROW. This area supports habitat and critical habitat for the special status species (lone Manzanita).

If impacts occur to the species within Caltrans ROW, Caltrans will need to review the consultation application with the regulatory agency(ies). If there are impacts to protected water resources within Caltrans ROW, Caltrans will need to see the correspondence with the permitting authorities California Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), U.S.

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Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and Regional Water Quality Board (RWQCB). There are mature trees within and/or near Caltrans ROW that could provide suitable nesting habitat. If work occurs between February 1st and September 30th of any year, a preconstruction bird survey must be conducted by a qualified biologist prior to the start of any construction-related activities in Caltrans ROW.

## **Hydrology**

A cross culvert is located on SR 88 at Post Mile (PM) 5.11. The property owner needs to ensure any future developments will not cause damage to the existing culvert.

If any future project activities encroach into Caltrans ROW, the project proponent must submit an application for an Encroachment Permit application, application checklist, and Quality Management Assurance Process (Qmap) checklist to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application. These studies will analyze potential impacts on any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and/or other resources within Caltrans ROW at the project site(s). For more information, please visit the Caltrans Website at: https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications

Please contact Paul Bauldry at (209) 670-9488 (email: paul.bauldry@dot.ca.gov), or me at (209) 483-7234 (email: Gregoria.Ponce@dot.ca.gov) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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