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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

RE: SCH 1999041035

The California Highway Patrol, Capistrano Area received the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study for the Increase in Maximum Daily Operations at Prima Deshecha Landfill, State Clearing House (SCH) number 1999041035. After review, we have some concerns with the 2001 General Development Plan (GDP) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) traffic impact findings.

Our concern relates to the 2001 GDP EIR stated, "Less than Significant Impact," the estimated increase of 1,571 daily trips by construction and landfill equipment along Avenida La Pata would have. The impact finding appears to predate the construction of San Juan Hills High School located 0.25 to 0.5 miles north of the landfill, accessed solely from Avenida La Pata. The increase in traffic around the high school already creates significant traffic congestion and safety issues due to standing vehicles along Avenida La Pata during school start/end periods, which could be compounded by the increased daily trips of large construction and landfill equipment in the immediate area. Efforts to mitigate the potential increase in congestion could include optimally timing the increased trips to avoid school start/end periods and/or additional traffic control measures.

Should you have any questions regarding these concerns, please contact Lieutenant Noel Coady at (949) 670-7030.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. A. PALMER".

B. A. PALMER, Captain  
Commander

Enclosure(s)

cc: Border Division

