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EIR #7813 LUNA VALLEY SOLAR I PROJECT DRC  
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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Thank you for the opportunity to review Notice of Preparation (NOP) for a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) #7813, proposing a 200-megawatt solar-generated power station on 16 parcels with an approximate area of 1,300-acres. The Project is generally bounded to the east by State Route (SR) 33 (South Derrick Avenue), West Dinuba Avenue to the south, South Bernardino Avenue to the west, and West South Avenue to the north, in Fresno County.

Caltrans provides the following comments consistent with the State's smart mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and sustainable communities.

1. Caltrans recommends that the Project pay into the Fresno County Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee or RTMF for on-going development in the vicinity.
2. Proposed Project alternatives to design should avoid direct access to and from SR-33 during all phases of construction and during normal operations.
3. Design and Project alternatives should include the number of employees expected to be on site for each shift and proposed utilities.
4. Caltrans may require that a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) for SR-33 be prepared and will have to be consistent with California's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). In addition, the TMP may contain a Temporary Traffic Control (TTC) plan that addresses traffic safety and control through the work zone.
5. Any proposed traffic control devices within our State facilities will require an Encroachment Permit. Please have the preparer of the TMP submit the plan for our review and approval. The approval of the TMP must be done prior to the approval of an Encroachment Permit. Additional requirements may arise during the permit process.
6. Components of the Project where adjacent to SR-33 should not encroach into State

right-of-way. If the project design proposes to encroach into State right-of-way, approval of an Encroachment Permit will be required.

7. An encroachment permit must be obtained for all proposed activities for placement of encroachments within, under or over the State highway rights-of-way. Activity and work planned in the State right-of-way shall be performed to State standards and specifications, at no cost to the State. Engineering plans, calculations, specifications, and reports (documents) shall be stamped and signed by a licensed Engineer or Architect. Engineering documents for encroachment permit activity and work in the State right-of-way may be submitted using English Units. The Permit Department and the Environmental Planning Branch will review and approve the activity and work in the State right-of-way before an encroachment permit is issued. The Streets and Highways Code Section 670 provides Caltrans discretionary approval authority for projects that encroach on the State Highway System. Encroachment permits will be issued in accordance with Streets and Highway Codes, Section 671.5, "Time Limitations." Encroachment permits do not run with the land. A change of ownership requires a new permit application. Only the legal property owner or his/her authorized agent can pursue obtaining an encroachment permit. **Please call the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office - District 6: 1352 W. Olive, Fresno, CA 93778, at (559) 488-4058. Please review the permit application checklist at:**  
<https://forms.dot.ca.gov/v2Forms/servlet/FormRenderer?frmId=TR0402&distpath=MAOTO&brapath=PERM>
8. Upon project approval by the local public agency and prior to an encroachment permit application submittal, the project proponent is required to schedule a "Pre-Submittal" meeting with District 6 Encroachment Permit Office. **Please contact District 6 Encroachment Permit Office at (559) 488-4058 to schedule this meeting.**
9. According to the Caltrans Transportation Concept Report (TCR), this segment of SR 33 in the vicinity of the proposed project is currently a 2-lane conventional highway and ultimately planned to be a 4-lane facility within a total of 110 feet of right-of-way (55 feet from the centerline). Caltrans right-of-way maps shows this segment of SR 33 existing at 100 feet with 50 feet from the centerline on the westside of SR 33.
10. An Irrevocable Offer of Dedication to Caltrans for 5 feet of right-of-way is needed to accommodate the ultimate configuration of SR 33. Dedications should be required by the Lead Agency and should be shown on a revised site plan and forwarded for our review.
11. As development of the project continues, Caltrans requests that progress project plans be submitted to our office for further review. At that time, the Office of Traffic Operations will provide additional comments.

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If you have any other questions, please call or email Edgar Hernandez at (559) 488-4168 or [edgar.hernandez@dot.ca.gov](mailto:edgar.hernandez@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Padilla', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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