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

Dear Ms. Candia:

Thank you for giving the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 9 the opportunity to comment during the NOP phase for the Kudu Solar Farm project in eastern Kern County and California City. We offer the following:

- We look forward to reviewing the EIR's evaluation of potential impacts on the roadway system from construction related trips. Such analysis should address the need for a traffic management plan, and adequacy of the Phillips Road/State Route 14 intersection for geometrics, queueing, etc.
- The document notes a gen-tie crossing of SR 14, perhaps utilizing an Eland Solar Project gen-tie with alterations. A new encroachment permit would be required. Details regarding state highway gen-tie crossings may be found in Section 600 Utility Permits of the **Encroachment Permit Manual** at: <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/traffic-operations/documents/encroachment-permits/chapter-6-ada.pdf>

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

For permitting details, you may contact Stephen Winzenread, District 9 Permits Engineer, at (760) 872-5222.

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

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Gayle J. Rosander in blue ink.

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