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#### **Kudu Solar - Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)**

Dear Mr. Tolentino:

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

- The Philips Rd Intersection Evaluation (Appendix K-2) does not specifically address the requests (e.g. geometrics, queueing) of our September 29, 2020 Notice of Preparation letter. However, we do not require an evaluation update. Considering the construction trip data provided and the lengths of existing SR 14 right and left turn lanes, it appears that the intersection should suffice for the construction phase.
- The DEIR is not conclusive of the gen-tie alternative for crossing SR 14. As a reminder, a new encroachment permit is required even if it is at the existing Eland location. 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, PE at (760) 874-8348.

- We look forward to reviewing of the forthcoming Traffic Management Plan, for any effect on SR 14 and its travelers.

We value our cooperative working relationship with Kern County regarding development the public transportation system. For any questions, feel free to contact me at (760) 874-8330 or at [gayle.rosander@dot.ca.gov](mailto:gayle.rosander@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Gayle J. Rosander'.

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