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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SCH #2020109008

I was recently requested to review the Request for Review of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration environmental documents related to the proposed Madera Station Relocation Project, in the Madera Area. The California Highway Patrol's (CHP) interest in commenting surrounds our concerns for the sustained ability to provide for the safety, service and security, of those we serve. My review raised the following concerns:

1. Heavy construction dust so near the State Route 99 Corridor is a serious traffic safety concern. Dust carried to the west by even light winds can adversely affect visibility on the freeway. Proper worksite dust management can help mitigate this concern.
2. The Madera Area is an agricultural community. This means the outdoor workforce is large. Pathogens, such as Valley fever (coccidioidomycosis), carried in construction dust, are a concern for all who live, work and travel in the Madera Area. Proper worksite dust management can help mitigate this concern.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sergeant Corben Whitney at (559) 675-1025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Madrigal".

H. MADRIGAL, Lieutenant
Commander

Attachments

cc: Central Division
Special Projects Section



**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
EVALUATION/RESPONSE CHECKLIST
FOR AREA/SECTION**

Reference: General Order 41.2

	Action	Reference GO 41.2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Review memorandum for the due date(s).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Determine if the proposed project might impact local operations and/or public safety. Examples include: housing developments, large commercial projects, large recreational developments or expansions, landfill or quarry operations, hazardous materials storage and/or dump sites, highway construction/improvement projects, new schools, airport improvements, annexations/incorporations, off-highway vehicle facilities, and Indian gaming facilities.	Page 5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Review environmental impact documents to identify issues or concerns with possible impact to departmental operations (i.e., increased response times, enforcement, emergency services, service calls, telecommunications, public safety).	
Responses		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>If comments are advisable:</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Correspondence should focus primarily on traffic safety, congestion, or other impacts to the CHP's mission; however, Areas shall not indicate to the lead agency that additional personnel, facilities, vehicles, etc., are a means to mitigate departmental service issues.	Page 7
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ensure the State Clearinghouse number (SCH#) is included in all correspondence.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comments shall be provided directly to the lead agency and emailed to State Clearinghouse at state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov no later than the designated due date. Provide a copy to Special Projects Section (SPS) via e-mail.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	For project tracking purposes, SPS must be notified of Area/Section's assessment of the project. After mailing your comments to the SCH or lead agency, send a scanned copy via e-mail to SPS.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<u>If no impact is determined:</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Via e-mail, please respond "no impact to _____ Area's local operations and/or public safety by SCH# _____ was identified," by the designated SCH due date to the SPS analyst listed on the Environmental Document Review and Response memorandum. Ensure the SCH# is included.	

M e m o r a n d u m

Date: November 2, 2020

To: Central Division

From: **DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**
Special Projects Section

File No.: 063.A10212.A14585.Noc.Doc

Subject: ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT REVIEW AND RESPONSE
SCH# 2020109008

Special Projects Section (SPS) recently received the referenced "Notice of Completion" environmental impact document from the State Clearinghouse (SCH).

Due to the project's geographical proximity to Central Division, please use the attached checklist to assess its potential impact to local Area operations and public safety. If it is determined that departmental input is advisable, your written comments referencing the above SCH number must be sent to the lead agency and emailed to state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov. Your written comments must be received by SCH no later than **November 16, 2020**. For reference, additional information can be found in General Order 41.2, Environmental Impact Documents.

For project tracking purposes, SPS must be notified of Central Division's assessment of the project (including negative reports). Please e-mail a copy of Division's response to Associate Governmental Program Analyst Mary Uhazi at muhazi@chp.ca.gov. For questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Uhazi at (916) 843-3370.

Christy Namikawa for
L. NARVAEZ, SSM III
Commander

Attachments: Checklist
Project File



Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
 For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH # 2020109008

Project Title: Madera Station Relocation Project

Lead Agency: San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority

Contact Person: Dan Leavitt

Mailing Address: 949 East Channel St.

Phone: 209-944-6266

City: Stockton

Zip: 95202

County: San Joaquin

Project Location: County: Madera County City/Nearest Community: Madera

Cross Streets: Avenue 12 & BNSF Railroad Corridor Zip Code: 93638

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 64 ° 45 ' 38.9763 " N / -153 ° 31 ' 48.2435 " W Total Acres: 190

Assessor's Parcel No.: 047-080-002; 047-016-016; 047-016-027 Section: 35 Twp.: 11S Range: 18E Base: Merced Diablo Principa

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR-99

Waterways: Cottonwood Creek

Airports: NA

Railways: BNSF Corridor / CAHSR Schools: Cesar Chavez Elementary, Madera Community College

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) Draft EIS Other: _____
 Mit Neg Dec Other: _____

Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: _____

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type Rail _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Educational: _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Recreational: _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____ Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Community Commercial; Residential; Open Space; Public Institution; Transit Station

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The Project consists of two phases. Phase 1 consists of elements related to the Relocated Modern San Joaquin Station (Relocated Station) from Madera Acres to the location described in the vicinity of Avenue 12. The existing Madera San Joaquin Station would no longer be used for San Joaquin operations following commencement of San Joaquin service at the Relocated Station. Phase 1 would build out a station platform that is approximately 600 feet. New trackwork that would require build out would tie-in to the existing BNSF rail and would require turnout tracks and have a length of 2,250 feet. A new access road would be constructed to provide access to the Relocation Station facilities and would run adjacent to the CAHSR Project right-of-way. Phase 2 consists of high-speed rail improvements at the Relocated Station to allow for future HSR service along California's future Merced to Bakersfield High-Speed Rail Interim Operating Segment, to access the Relocated Station. This HSR service is anticipated to be operated by the SJJPA. Phase 2 would build out a new HSR station platform that would be approximately 1,000 feet in length. A more detailed project description is provided in the IS/MND.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "X". If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>5</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>4</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date October 14, 2020 Ending Date November 16, 2020

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>AECOM</u>	Applicant: <u>San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority</u>
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City/State/Zip: <u>Oakland, CA 94612</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>Stockton, CA 95202</u>
Contact: <u>Daniel Krause</u>	Phone: <u>209-944-6266</u>
Phone: <u>510-768-9092</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 10/13/20

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.