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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Mr. Juergen Vespermann  
Caltrans District 6 - Central Region Environmental  
2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100  
Fresno, CA 93726

Subject: SCH #2021070527

Dear Mr. Vespermann:

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) Fort Tejon Area recently received a "Notice of Completion" of the environmental document for the proposed California Aqueduct Bridge Replacement Project for State Clearinghouse (SCH) #2021070527. After a thorough review, we have the following recommendations for this project which could help traffic congestion and public safety.

The CHP Fort Tejon Area has several recommendations related to the proposed alternate route of travel to mitigate possible traffic collisions. First, we recommend the Kern County Fire Department, Kern County Sheriff's Office and local ambulance service companies be made aware of all closures and alternate routes well in advance for response planning for emergency calls of service. Second, we recommend State Route 166 (SR-166) be closed to all traffic, except local businesses and residents, between Old River Road and Interstate 5 (I-5). All northbound traffic on I-5 to SR-166 should be detoured to Copus Road and all southbound traffic on I-5 to SR-166 should be detoured to Old River Road. Lastly, additional lighted signage should be installed at the intersection of Old River Road and Copus Road for the duration of the project to mitigate any potential traffic collisions. Should you have any questions regarding these recommendations, please contact me or Sergeant Mike Karr at (661) 248-6655.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "V. A. Pagano".

V. A. PAGANO, Lieutenant  
Commander  
Fort Tejon Area

Cc: Special Projects Section  
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