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**CUP21-011**  
**Silva Dairy Farms Expansion**

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Dear Ms. Ho:

The California Department of Transportation appreciates the opportunity to review the proposed expansion of Silva Dairy Farms to accommodate a total of 7,300 animals. The project is located at various parcels on all quadrants of the SR 140/Edminster Road intersection. The Department has the following comments:


1. Please provide the following information to Caltrans for review and comment prior to project approval.
  - a. Provide the truck off-tracking in pdf and technical files for all turns onto and off of the State Route, including the SR 140/Edminster Road intersection. This analysis must be performed for the largest truck used for the proposed project.
  - b. Edminster Road must be improved to Caltrans standards.
  - c. Please provide a site plan showing the primary access points, and indicate if there be any new proposed access points to SR 140.
  - d. It appears the project traffic has been using an existing "unpaved driveway", approximately 620 feet east of SR 140 / Edminster Rd as an access to SR 140. Caltrans suggests that the project traffic access the project site from SR 140 / Edminster Rd instead. If this driveway is to be used as an access to SR 140, it needs to be accommodated to Caltrans Standards.
2. The developer needs to ensure that the existing State drainage facilities will not be significantly impacted by the project. If historical undeveloped topography shows drainage from this site flowed into the State Right-of-Way, it may continue to do so with the conditions that peak flows may not be increased from the pre-construction quantity and the site runoff be treated to meet present storm water quality standards. If historical undeveloped topography shows drainage from

this site does not flow into the State Right-of-Way, then it will not be allowed to flow into the State Right-of-Way at this time.

3. An Encroachment Permit will be required for work (if any) done within the Department's right of way. This work is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act. Therefore, environmental studies may be required as part of the encroachment permits application. A qualified professional must conduct any such studies undertaken to satisfy the Department's environmental review responsibilities. Ground disturbing activities to the site prior to completion and/or approval of required environmental documents may affect the Department's ability to issue a permit for the project. Furthermore, if engineering plans or drawings will be part of your permit application, they should be prepared in standard units.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (209) 483-2582 or Nicholas Fung at (209) 986-1552.

Sincerely,



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