

## California Department of Transportation

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**TUO-120-PM 8.175**  
**Golden State**  
**Natural Resources**  
**CUP23-013**  
**SCH 2022110466**

Dear Mr. Wylene,

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Transportation Impact Study dated April 2024.

The proposed project is a response to the growing rate of wildfires in California, exacerbated by hazardous excess fuel loads in forests and the need to promote economic activity in California's rural counties. The project serves as an opportunity to begin restoring California forests and watersheds to a natural and resilient status and provide overall benefit to the state by sustainably procuring and processing excess biomass into a pelletized fuel source for renewable energy generation. Trucks would deliver feedstock to the wood pellet facilities for production. Then, the finished product would be delivered to the Port of Stockton via trains on existing active rail lines, but with a potential option to transport via truck, if necessary, for export to international markets.

The proposed wood pellet production facility is located at 12001 La Grange Road, approximately nine (9) miles southwest of the community of Jamestown.

### **Caltrans has the following comments:**

#### **Traffic Operations**

Truck Volumes are being converted into PCE. To include the truck factor in the analysis, please use the actual volume (do not convert to PCE) and input the truck percentage in synchro.

Provide electronic Synchro/SimTraffic file for review.

Provide the analysis for cumulative condition (20 years from the opening year of the project).

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What type of trucks are used for the project? Provide truck-turning template trucks at the following intersection:

- SR-120 - SR-108/La Grange Road - CR J59
- La Grange Road - CR J59/Yosemite Boulevard - SR-132
- Red Hill Road/Montezuma Road - SR-49 - SR-120

### **Encroachment Permits**

If any future project activities encroach into Caltrans ROW, the project proponent must submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and/or other resources within Caltrans ROW at the project site(s). For more information, please visit the Caltrans Website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these comments, please contact Paul Bauldry at (209) 670-9488 (email: paul.bauldry@dot.ca.gov) or me at (209) 483-7234 (email: Gregoria.Ponce@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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