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Re: 2023090039, Babylon Gardens Indoor Cultivation Facility Project

Dear Mr. Stones:

The California Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Program has reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Babylon Gardens Indoor Cultivation Facility Project located at 1601 West Central Avenue in the City of Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara. One of the goals of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Aeronautics Program, is to assist cities, counties, and Airport Land Use Commissions or their equivalent (ALUC), to understand and comply with the State Aeronautics Act pursuant to the California Public Utilities Code (PUC), Section 21001 et seq. Caltrans encourages collaboration with our partners in the planning process and thanks you for including the Aeronautics Program in the review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The site of the proposed Project is in Safety Zone 6 and Review Area 1 of the Airport Influence Area (AIA) for the Lompoc Regional Airport, and therefore must adhere to the safety criteria and restrictions defined in the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) formed by the ALUC pursuant to the PUC, Section 21674. Review Area 1 of the AIA consists of a combination of the noise contours and the six safety zones for the Airport and represents areas where noise and/or safety concerns may require limitations on the type of allowable land uses. Safety Zone 6 has no limits on lot coverage, and typically allows compatibility for most uses (Table 3-2, Lompoc Airport Safety Compatibility Criteria).

Caltrans advises the City of Lompoc to submit its plans upon completion to the ALUC to determine if the plans or projects are consistent or not with the ALUCP according to the State Aeronautics Act's statutory procedure. An ALUCP is crucial in minimizing noise nuisance and safety hazards around airports while promoting the orderly

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development of airports, as declared by the California Legislature. A responsibility of the ALUC is to assess potential risk to aircraft and persons in airspace and people occupying areas within the vicinity of the airport.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address: tiffany.martinez@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tiffany Martinez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tiffany Martinez
Transportation Planner, Aeronautics Program

Cc: State Clearinghouse