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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Dear Ms. Calderon:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Aeronautics Program has reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the South of the Tule Master Plan (Plan). One of the goals of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Aeronautics Program, is to assist cities, counties, planning agencies and organizations, 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 NOP.

Please be aware that portions of the proposed project identified in the Plan may be located within an Airport Influence Area (AIA), safety zone, or noise contours as defined by the Tulare County Comprehensive Airport Land Use Plan (CALUP) formed by the ALUC pursuant to the PUC, Section 21674 and therefore must adhere to the safety criteria and restrictions defined in the CALUP.

Proposed projects may also be subject to 14 CFR Part 77 Conical Surface standards and CNEL contours for noise compatibility of an airport, which may require noise reduction measures. Please be aware, Public Utilities Code, Section 21659, "Hazards Near Airports Prohibited" prohibits structural hazards near airports. To ensure compliance with Federal Aviation Regulation, Part 77, "Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace," submission of a Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration (Form 7460-1) to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) may be required. In addition, any proposed projects identified as hazardous material sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, compatibility restrictions should be reviewed per the land use plan of an airport.

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Density and Intensity compatibility around airports should be considered as a potential impact given the long-range nature of the plan. With the expected growth in development and housing demands projected up to 2050, heightened density near airports could pose adverse effects on communities and should be reviewed for potential consequences to health and safety. Sensitive land uses such as residential areas, schools, hospitals, senior homes, and other facilities should also be reviewed for airport land use compatibility.

The Aeronautics Program commends the City of Porterville and encourages the continued collaboration with aviation stakeholders on regional aviation planning issues.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by email at ingrid.mcroberts@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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