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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

SCH# 2014041005 Grapevine Specific and Community Plan by Tejon Ranchcorp (2019) - Supplemental EIR

Dear Ms. Hoover:

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff has reviewed Grapevine Specific and Community Plan by Tejon Ranchcorp (2019) and provided the following comments.

DWR has previously submitted comments regarding the project traffic plan. As part of the responses to the DWR comments, Tejon Ranchcorp proposed to construct an alternative haul road to detour DWR maintenance vehicle and aggregate mine truck traffic away from the western portion of the Edmonston Pumping Plant Road. The current Edmonston Pumping Plant Road is 24-foot wide with improved shoulders and is constructed to accommodate DWR operations and maintenance vehicle traffic as well as two-way heavy aggregate-hauling truck traffic.

The proposed project's haul road would extend from Edmonston Pumping Plant Road to Laval Road to the north and would require construction of approximately 3.5-4 miles of new road. The approximately 4-mile segment of Laval Road between the proposed intersection of the proposed haul road and the outlet stores at Tejon Parkway is a 20-foot wide rural two-lane road, plus shoulders, and the road pavement is in poor condition (alligator cracking) based on the latest Google photo imagery. The proposed project construction of the new haul road and upgrades to Laval Road must be designed to meet the requirements of two-way heavy truck traffic per the Caltrans Highway Design Manual. Compliance with the Caltrans Highway Design Manual should be detailed in the re-circulated Supplemental Final EIR.

Tejon Ranchcorp has not addressed the traffic or noise impact to the section of Laval Road between I-5 and the proposed haul road. That section is a 20-foot wide rural two-lane road with unimproved shoulders. The road pavement appears to be in poor condition based on available street views within the affected section. This section of the proposed alternate haul route is not an adequate replacement for the current haul route

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on the Edmonston Pumping Plant Road. These issues need to be analyzed in the Supplemental Final EIR.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Greenacre at (916) 653-4264 or Kristen.Greenacre@water.ca.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Finch". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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