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SENT VIA EMAIL

Janice Mayes
 Kern County Planning and Natural Resources
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 Bakersfield, CA 93301

Dear Ms. Mayes:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Notice of Preparation of an EIR application for the Shafter-Wasco Composting and Waste Diversion Project. The project proposes a composting facility and expansion of a self-haul transfer. The project site is located approximately six miles west of State Route (SR) 43 and approximately eight miles west of the City of Shafter in Kern County. The Shafter-Wasco landfill is accessible from Scofield Avenue.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. The Local Development -Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Program reviews land use projects and plans through the lenses of our mission and state planning priorities of infill, conservation, and travel-efficient development. To ensure a safe and efficient transportation system, we encourage early consultation and coordination with local jurisdictions and project proponents on all development projects that utilize the multimodal transportation network.

Caltrans provides the *following comments* consistent with the State's smart mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and sustainable communities:

1. The proposed Project and modifications do not propose an increase in traffic volumes, maximum tonnage, or landfill design capacity beyond what is currently permitted. The permitted traffic volume is 788 vehicles per day, with an average of 255 vehicles per day.
2. However, if the applicant proposes any modifications to the landfill project, such as changes to the permitted tonnage and traffic volumes, Caltrans will

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need to review the new plans. Considering the nature and the location of the project, any future modifications would have a negligible impact on State facilities.

If you have any other questions, please call Lupita Mendoza, Transportation Planner at (559) 488-4260.

Sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorena Mendibles".

LORENA MENDIBLES, Chief
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