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Lower San Joaquin River
TS_30_L Levee Improvement
DSEIR**

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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Dear Mr. Al-Hindi:

The California Department of Transportation appreciates the opportunity to review the Draft Supplemental EIR for the Lower San Joaquin River Reach TS_30_L Levee Improvement Project. The Department has the following comments:


1. Further review of the plans is recommended since levee improvements are shown crossing the State right of way. An Encroachment Permit will be required for any work done within the Department's right of way. This work is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act. Therefore, environmental studies may be required as part of the encroachment permits application. A qualified professional must conduct any such studies undertaken to satisfy the Department's environmental review responsibilities. Ground disturbing activities to the site prior to completion and/or approval of required environmental documents may affect the Department's ability to issue a permit for the project. Furthermore, if engineering plans or drawings will be part of your permit application, they should be prepared in standard units.
2. Please submit a hydrology and hydraulic report to Caltrans District 10 for review. This report is required to determine any potential impacts to State facilities, including the nearby I-5 bridges.
3. Caltrans recommends that as part of the project's Traffic Management Plan, most truck trips be scheduled to avoid the peak-hour commute periods along SR 99 and I-5. This will help reduce congestion and emissions.
4. Any oversize vehicles that might be used in construction will require a permit through Caltrans Headquarters Transportation Permits. Instructions on how to

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apply can be found here: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/transportation-permits/how-to-apply>

If you have any questions, please contact me at (209) 483-7234 or Nicholas Fung at (209) 986-1552.

Sincerely,



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