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Appendix A Project Listing in SCAG 2011 FTIP
and Air Quality Documentation

Appendix B Form AD-1006

U.S. Department of Agriculture

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request May 14, 2015				
Name of Project Avenue 66 UPRR Grade Separation		Federal Agency Involved Caltrans (as assigned by FHWA)				
Proposed Land Use Right-of-Way		County and State Riverside County, CA				
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		Date Request Received By NRCS		Person Completing Form:		
Does the site contain Prime, Unique, Statewide or Local Important Farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Acres Irrigated	Average Farm Size	
Major Crop(s)	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: %	Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: %				
Name of Land Evaluation System Used	Name of State or Local Site Assessment System	Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS				
PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Site Rating				
		Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D	
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		21				
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly						
C. Total Acres In Site		141				
PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information						
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland						
B. Total Acres Statewide Important or Local Important Farmland						
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted						
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value						
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)						
PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria (Criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 b. For Corridor project use form NRCS-CPA-106)		Maximum Points	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
1. Area In Non-urban Use		(15)	14			
2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use		(10)	9			
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed		(20)	3			
4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government		(20)	20			
5. Distance From Urban Built-up Area		(15)	0			
6. Distance To Urban Support Services		(15)	0			
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average		(10)	10			
8. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland		(10)	10			
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services		(5)	5			
10. On-Farm Investments		(20)	10			
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services		(10)	0			
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use		(10)	0			
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS		160	81	0	0	0
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)						
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		100	0	0	0	0
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or local site assessment)		160	81	0	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)		260	81	0	0	0
Site Selected:		Date Of Selection		Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
Reason For Selection:						
Name of Federal agency representative completing this form: Cherry Brent (Dokken Engineering) Date: 5/14/15						

(See Instructions on reverse side)

Form AD-1006 (03-02)

Appendix C Noise Memorandum and County
General Plan Noise Element

FTIP Projects					Project Cost (\$1,000's)
County	System	FTIP ID	Route	Description	
RIVERSIDE	LOCAL HIGHWAY	RIV110130	0	IN COACHELLA VALLEY IN RANCHO MIRAGE - WIDENING OF SOUTH BOUND MONTEREY AVE. FROM 2 TO 3 LANES FROM DINAH SHORE DR TO GERALD FORD DR. (APPROX. 3.480 L.F.). OTHER IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE INSTALLATION OF CURB AND GUTTER, DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS (RETENTION BASINS), SIGNING AND STRIPING, AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION AT GINGER ROGERS RD.	\$1,045
RIVERSIDE	LOCAL HIGHWAY	RIV091208	0	IN COACHELLA VALLEY IN THE CITY OF INDIO - JACKSON ST TRAFFIC SIGNAL INTERCONNECT AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALL: INSTALL A NEW TS AT JACKSON ST & MARKET ST/DILLON AVE., & INSTALL. OF A WIRELESS INTERCONNECT SYSTEM ON JACKSON ST BTWN AVE. 44 TO THE NO. & AVE. 45 TO THE SO., A DISTANCE OF APPROX. 1 MILE. INTERCONNECT SYSTEM INCLUDES 2 EXIST. TS & 1 NEW TS (\$38 TOLL CREDITS USED FOR CMAQ MATCH IN CONS).	\$367
RIVERSIDE	LOCAL HIGHWAY	RIV011241	0	IN CORONA ON AUTO CENTER DRIVE - CONSTRUCT 4 LANE OVERCROSSING (GRADE SEPARATION) OVER EXISTING BNSF TRACKS (\$1,835/\$1,240 TOLL CREDITS IN CONST TO MATCH CMAQ/PNRS).	\$32,675
RIVERSIDE	LOCAL HIGHWAY	RIV011240	0	IN CORONA ON EXISTING MCKINLEY ST - CONSTRUCT GRADE SEPARATION AT BNSF RAILROAD CROSSING (PROJECT STUDY REPORT & PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS REPORT ACTIVITIES)	\$4,023
RIVERSIDE	LOCAL HIGHWAY	RIV060108	0	IN CORONA ON N. MAIN ST: ADD NB DEDICATED RIGHT-TURN LANE (APPROX 300') FROM SR91 EXIT RAMP TO N. GRAND BLVD, ADD 3RD WB SR-91 ON RAMP LANE, SIGNAL MODS & CONSTRUCT RETAINING WALL AT PARK-N-RIDE LOT	\$3,702
RIVERSIDE	LOCAL HIGHWAY	RIV071259	0	IN EASTERN COACHELLA VALLEY - MECCA COMMUNITY ROUNDABOUT: CONSTRUCT A ROUNDABOUT ENTRY TO THE UNINCORPORATED MECCA COMM. ON HAMMOND RD & 4TH ST BTWN 5TH & 3RD STREETS, CONSISTING OF A SINGLE LN. TRAFFIC CIRCLE W/ONE BYPASS RT LN FOR THE SE TRAFFIC; MOUNTABLE MEDIAN APRONS; LANDSCAPED CENTER; S/W & PED. X-ING; LANDSCAPE BUFFER; REALIGNMENT OF HAMMOND RD.; AND AN ENTRY MONUMENT.	\$2,599
RIVERSIDE	LOCAL HIGHWAY	RIV071288	0	IN EASTERN RIVERSIDE CO. IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY - 66TH AVE GRADE SEPARATION: CONSTRUCT A TWO-LN (1-LN IN EA DIR) 66TH AVE ELEVATED STRUCTURE OVER THE UPRR, HAMMOND RD., AND SH-111., FROM WESTERLY OF LINCOLN ST TO JOHNSON ST ON THE EAST IN THE COMMUNITY OF MECCA. ADD. IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO TIE BACK INTO THE EXISTING ALIGNMENT.	\$25,250
RIVERSIDE	LOCAL HIGHWAY	RIV091006	0	IN EASTERN RIVERSIDE CO. IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY - HWY 111 WIDENING W/IN INDIAN WELLS CITY LIMITS: WID FROM 4 TO 6 THRU LNS (3 LNS IN EA DIR) BTWN THE WCL (570' W/O VILLAGE CTR DR) & EL DORADO DR (RTP ID'S 3A07316 & 3A07257) INCLUDING THE INSTAL OF A RAISED, LANDSCAPE MEDIAN, LEFT TURN PH @ EL DORADO DR, DUAL LEFT TURN PH @ THE SB AND EB COOK ST, RT TURN ONLY LNS AT THE EAST, WEST, AND SB COOK ST.	\$27,788
RIVERSIDE	LOCAL HIGHWAY	RIV091209	0	IN EASTERN RIVERSIDE CO. IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY - HWY 111 WIDENING WITHIN INDIAN WELLS CITY LIMITS: WIDENING FROM 4 TO 6 THRU LNS (3 LNS IN EA DIR) BTWN EL DORADO & EAST CITY LIMITS (W/O WASHINGTON), INCLUDING THE INSTALL OF A RAISED, LANDSCAPE MEDIAN AND RIGHT TURN ONLY LANE AT INDIAN WELLS LN (RTP ID'S 3A07258 & 3A07259).	\$32,779
RIVERSIDE	LOCAL HIGHWAY	RIV070302	0	IN EASTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY - DATE PALM DR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT/WIDENING: REPLACEMENT OF A TWO LANE (1 LN IN EA DIR) LOW WATER CROSSING BRIDGE OVER LONG CANYON CREEK (BRIDGE NO. 00L0043) WITH A SIX LANE (3 LNS IN EA DIR), FOR APPROXIMATELY 350 FT. (FROM VARNER RD. TO 350' S/O VARNER RD).	\$10,424
RIVERSIDE	LOCAL HIGHWAY	RIV091011	0	IN EASTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY - DATE PALM DR OVER THE WHITEWATER RIVER: WIDENING OF DATE PALM DR FROM 4 TO 6 LNS (3 LNS IN EA DIR), FROM APPROX. 350' S/O THE BRIDGE TO 250' N/O THE BRIDGE (VIA ESTRADA TO THE NORTH AND PEREZ RD. TO THE SOUTH), INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAISED MEDIAN AND SIDEWALK ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF THE PROJECT (BRIDGE NO. 56C0189).	\$18,703
RIVERSIDE	LOCAL HIGHWAY	RIV110501	0	IN EASTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY - DATE PALM DR WIDENING FROM I-10 TO 350' S/O VARNER RD.; WIDENING OF DATE PALM DR. FROM 2 TO 6 LNS (3 LNS IN EA DIR) FROM I-10 TO 350' S/O VARNER RD. OTHER IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE ADDITIONAL TURNING LANES AT INTERSECTION OF DATE PALM DR. & VARNER RD., TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION, SIDEWALKS, MEDIANS AND BIKE LANES.	\$8,576

Final 2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Riverside County Project Listing
Local Highway
(In \$000's)

ProjectID	County	Air Basin	Model	RTP ID	Program	Route	Begin	End	System	Conformity Category	Amendment		
RIV071285	Riverside	SSAB		RIV071285	NCN31				L	EXEMPT - 93.126	0		
Description:													
IN THE SOUTHEAST COACHELLA VALLEY IN EASTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, JUST SOUTH OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA ON AVE. 56 (AIRPORT BLVD) - FROM POLK ST TO THE WEST TO ORANGE ST. TO THE EAST OF THE R/R X-ING: REPLACE EXISTING 2 LN (1 LN IN EA DIR) AT GRADE R/R X-ING WITH A 2 LN OC (1 LN IN EA DIR - NON-CAPACITY) ACROSS THE UPRR TRACKS.													
Fund		ENG	R/W	CON	Total	Prior	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	Total
AGENCY		2,500	3,300	10,900	16,700	5,800	10,900						16,700
TRADE CORRIDOR PROGRAM				10,000	10,000		10,000						10,000
RIV071285 Total		2,500	3,300	20,900	26,700	5,800	20,900						26,700

**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
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**December 3, 2013
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

In Attendance:

Abrishami, Lori	Metro
Morris, Michael	FHWA
Kamhi, Philip	Metro
Sherwood, Arnie	TCA

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Luo, Rongsheng
Lin, Margaret

Via Teleconference:

Behtash, Arman	Caltrans, District 12
Brady, Mike	Caltrans Headquarters
DeHate, Eric	RCTC
Garcia, Dan	SCAQMD
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Lay, Keith	LSA Associates
Louka, Tony	Caltrans, District 8
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Sheehy, Erin	OCTA
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7
Zamora, Cherry	Dokken Engineering

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 TCWG August 27, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

3.2 TCWG September 24, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

3.3 TCWG October 22, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Form

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2) RIV120201

It was determined that this is an exempt project (FHWA concurrence received via email after meeting).

4.2 Review of PM Hot Spot PM Qualitative Analyses

1) ORA100511

The revised analysis was reaffirmed to be acceptable for NEPA circulation (FHWA and EPA concurrence received via email after meeting).

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4.3 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2013 FTIP Administrative Modification #13-14 was approved in late October 2013; Thus all 2013 FTIP Amendments through # 13-14 had received necessary approvals.
- 2013 FTIP Amendment #3-15 had been submitted to Caltrans and FHWA/FTA for review and approval.
- Approval of 2013 FTIP Amendment Modification #13-16 was anticipated around Christmas.
- County submittals of 2015 FTIP are due to SCAG early January 2014.

4.4 RTP Update

Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, noted that Margaret Lin will be the new SCAG staff to provide the RTP update from this meeting on.

There was no new RTP update.

4.5 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA Region 9, reported that the Regional Administrator had signed a proposal to approve the South Coast Lead SIP on November 26th, 2013.

Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9, confirmed the following regarding the Quantitative PM Hot Spot Class to be held from January 17 to 19, 2014 at the Caltrans District 7 office in downtown Los Angeles:

- Class attendees would need to bring their own laptop computers to the class.
- Class materials and software needed to be downloaded to the laptop computers prior to class.
- Instructions on how to prepare for the class would be emailed to registered attendees.
- Information and class materials were also available to download for those who cannot make it to the class.

4.6 ARB Update

On behalf of Jason Crow, ARB, Rongsheng Luo, SCAG, reported that ARB is planning to have another EMFAC2013 workshop in February 2014 where ARB will provide information on the model update and perform demonstration of the beta version.

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- 4.6 Air Districts Update
 There was no new update.

5.0 INFORMATION SHARING

 There was no information sharing.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

 The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

 The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on Tuesday
January 28, 2014 at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.

Appendix D Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

No.	Description of Commitment	Responsible Party/Monitor	Timing/Phase	Commitment Source
AES-1:	Re-vegetation: Exposed slopes shall be revegetated with standard erosion control planting.	County	Construction/Post-Construction	
AES-2:	Lighting too shall be appropriately shielded. The project's lighting design shall be consistent with Caltrans, Community of Mecca, and Riverside County lighting guidelines and standards and will be developed in coordination with Caltrans Landscape Architecture staff for areas within state right-of-way. Lights will be designed to face away and be shielded away from the adjacent Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Species Conservation Plan area.	County	Final Design	
AES-3	The overcrossing over State Route 111 will harmonize with the natural surroundings by applying aesthetic treatment(s) such as artwork, color, and/or veneer. Such aesthetic treatment(s) will be determined by the County and incorporated during final design.	County	Final Design	
AES-4	Should landscaping be installed within and/or adjacent to the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel and Delta Conservation Area, the project shall not incorporate invasive, non-native plant species or plants listed in the CVMShCP Table 4-112. Any landscape treatments within or adjacent to the Conservation Area shall incorporate native plant materials to the maximum extent feasible; recommended native species are listed in CVMShCP Table 4-112. This list may be amended from time to time through a Minor Amendment with Wildlife Agency Concurrence.	County	Final Design/Construction	

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AQ-1	The construction contractor shall comply with Caltrans' Standard Specifications Section 14-9.03 Dust Control of Caltrans' Standard Specifications (2010).	Contractor	Construction	
AQ-2	<p>The Wind Erosion Control BMP (WE-1) from Caltrans' Construction Site Best Management Practices Manual will be implemented as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water shall be applied by means of pressure-type distributors or pipelines equipped with a spray system or hoses and nozzles that will ensure even distribution. • All distribution equipment shall be equipped with a positive means of shutoff • Unless water is applied by means of pipelines, at least one mobile unit shall be available at all times to apply water or dust palliative to the project. • If reclaimed water is used, the sources and discharge must meet California Department of Health Services water reclamation criteria and the Regional Water Quality Control Board requirements. Non-potable water shall not be conveyed in tanks or drain pipes that will be used to convey potable water and there shall be no connection between potable and non-potable supplies. Non-potable tanks, pipes and 	Contractor	Construction	

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	<p>other conveyances shall be marked "NON-POTABLE WATER – DO NOT DRINK."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials applied as temporary soil stabilizers and soil binders will also provide wind erosion control benefits. 			
AQ-3	Construction of the project would comply with the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Rule 403—Fugitive Dust.	Contractor	Construction	
BIO-1	The Lincoln Street Stormwater Channel will be designated an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) and will either be staked with high visibility flagging or fenced with orange snow fencing to ensure the construction areas will not encroach further than the designated work limits. Prior to work within the channel, the project will obtain a CWA Section 404 authorization (Nationwide Permit 14) from the USACE; a Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the RWQCB, a Section 402 NPDES Permit regulated by the SWRCB, and a Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement from the CDFW.	County	Final Design/Permitting	
BIO-2	The Conservation Area shall be designated an ESA and fenced with high visibility snow fencing at the project limits. Where feasible, mesquite within the Conservation Area shall be designated an ESA and fenced with high visibility snow fencing at the tree's dripline. Remaining areas within Impact Area #1 (see NES) must be provided ESA fencing or staking. Contractor is restricted from encroaching within any areas designated as ESA.	County	Final Design	

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BIO-3	At construction completion, the County shall apply a seed mix comprised of native, locally adapted species to temporarily impacted native habitats (excluding agricultural and developed areas) and within the Conservation Area boundaries. The seed mix shall be approved by a biologist.	County	Post-construction	
BIO-4	<p>The project biologist shall conduct preconstruction surveys consistent with the 2012 CDFW Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation for burrowing owls within 1-2 weeks before construction activities begin. If no burrowing owls are detected, no further action for burrowing owl will be required.</p> <p>If active burrowing owl burrows are found in or near the permanent or temporary construction impact area, the County will implement the following:</p> <p>Occupied burrows must not be disturbed during the breeding season (February 1 to August 31) unless a qualified biologist approved by the CDFW verifies through non-invasive methods that either:</p> <p>1) the birds have not begun egg-laying and incubation; or 2) that juveniles from the occupied burrows are foraging independently and are capable of independent survival. If avoidance of active nests is preferred, the biologist must consult with the CDFW to determine appropriate buffer widths and acreage of foraging habitat to be permanently preserved contiguous with the occupied burrow site. The Contractor must not disturb identified burrowing owl burrows until the qualified biologist verifies it has been cleared.</p> <p>Should destruction of occupied burrows be unavoidable during the non-breeding season</p>	County	Pre-construction	

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	(September 1 – January 31) either, unsuitable burrows must be enhanced (enlarged or cleared of debris) or new burrows created (by installing artificial burrows) at a ratio of 2:1 on protected lands approved by the CDFW. Newly created burrows will follow guidelines established by the CDFW.			
BIO-5	<p>If the construction contractor needs to remove vegetation (shrubs or trees) during the migratory bird breeding season (February 15th – September 1st), a pre-construction nesting bird survey shall be conducted within 7 days prior to vegetation removal. Within 2 weeks of the nesting bird survey, all vegetation cleared by the project biologist shall be removed by the contractor.</p> <p>A minimum 100 foot no-disturbance buffer shall be established around any active nest to limit the impacts of construction activities. The contractor shall immediately stop work in the nesting area until the appropriate buffer is established and is prohibited from conducting work that could disturb the birds (as determined by the project biologist and in coordination with wildlife agencies) in the buffer area until the project biologist determines the young have fledged.</p>	County	Pre-construction/construction	
BIO-6	To minimize direct mortality to potentially roosting bats, each date palm/palm tree requiring removal shall be trimmed using a two-step process conducted over two consecutive days. Contractor shall only trim the outermost fronds for each individual tree on the first day; innermost fronds shall not be trimmed. On the second day the remaining fronds on each tree shall be removed. All fronds shall only be manually trimmed using	Contractor/County	Pre-construction/construction	

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	chainsaws- no dozers, backhoes, cranes, or other heavy equipment is permitted. Should bats emerge during the tree trimming, trimming activities shall temporarily cease at the individual tree until bats are no longer actively emerging from the tree. A survey within 2 weeks of tree removal will be conducted to detect if bats are using trees for nesting.			
BIO-7	To allow subterranean wildlife enough time to escape initial clearing and grubbing activities, equipment used during initial clearing and grubbing shall be operated at speeds no greater than 3 miles per hour.	County	Pre-construction/construction	
BIO-8	Prior to arrival at the project site and prior to leaving the project site, the construction contractor shall clean all construction equipment that may contain invasive plants and/or seeds to reduce the spreading of noxious weeds.	Contractor	Construction	
BIO-9	Contractor shall remove all tamarisk within the construction limits and shall remove the entire root ball using a large excavator to mechanically remove individual trees from the ground.	Contractor	Construction	
BIO-10	The contractor shall not apply rodenticides or herbicides in the project area during construction activities.	Contractor	Construction	

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BIO-11	The contractor shall dispose of all food-related trash in closed containers, and shall remove it from the project area each day during the construction period. Construction personnel shall not feed or otherwise attract wildlife to the project area.	Contractor	Construction	
BIO-12	If any wildlife is encountered during the course of construction, said wildlife shall be allowed to leave the construction area unharmed. In the unlikely event a worker inadvertently injures or kills a special-status species or finds one dead, injured, or entrapped, the worker shall immediately report the incident to the project biologist.	Contractor	Construction	
BIO-13	Prior to construction, clearance surveys shall be conducted by an Acceptable Biologist during the Crissal thrasher and Le Conte's thrasher nesting season, January 15 – June 15, to determine if active nest sites for this species occur within 500 feet of the Conservation Area; survey restrictions are not required outside the boundary of the Conservation Area. If nesting Crissal thrashers or Le Conte's thrashers are found within the Conservation Area, a 500-foot buffer within the Conservation Area shall be established; the buffer is not required to extend into areas outside the Conservation Area. The buffer will be staked and flagged. No construction activities will be permitted within the buffer during the breeding season of January 15 – June 15 or until the young have fledged, as determined by the project biologist.	Contractor	Construction	

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BIO-14	Prior to conducting pre-construction surveys for CVMSHCP covered species, the County must submit the names of biologists to the CVCC for inclusion in the CVMSHCP list of Acceptable Biologists.	Contractor	Construction	
BIO-15	Prior to construction, the County's CVMSHCP Acceptable Biologists must survey the Conservation Area to be affected by the project for applicable Covered Species during the appropriate seasons and in accordance with established accepted protocols, if they exist. For those species for which protocols do not exist at the time surveys are needed, the Acceptable Biologist will use a survey protocol generally accepted by biologists familiar with the species. Survey results must be documented in both mapped and text form and must be submitted to the CVCC for review.	Contractor	Construction	
BIO-16	Should landscaping be installed within and/or adjacent to the Conservation Area, the project shall not incorporate invasive, non-native plant species or plants listed in CVMSHCP Table 4-113. Any landscape treatments within or adjacent to the Conservation Area shall incorporate native plant materials to the maximum extent feasible; recommended native species are listed in CVMSHCP Table 4-112. This list may be amended from time to time through a Minor Amendment with Wildlife Agency Concurrence.	Contractor	Construction	

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BIO-17	In areas adjacent to or within the Conservation Area, the project shall incorporate barriers into the project design to minimize unauthorized public access, illegal trespass, or dumping in the Conservation Area. Final design for barriers will occur following consultation with the CVCC.	Contractor	Construction	
CUL-1	Within State Right-of-Way, if buried cultural resources are encountered during Project Activities, it is Caltrans policy that work stop within 60 feet of the discovery until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the nature and significance of the find. The archaeological monitor must notify the Caltrans District Environmental Branch Chief (DEBC), Gabrielle Duff, if buried cultural resources are encountered.	Contractor	Construction	
CUL-2	Outside of State Right-of-Way, if buried cultural resources are encountered during Project Activities, work will stop within 60 feet of the discovery until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the nature and significance of the find. The archaeological monitor must notify the Riverside County Transportation Department Project Manager, Scott Staley, at (951) 955-6800, if buried cultural resources are encountered.	Contractor	Construction	
CUL-3	Sampling will be conducted on bores that result in intact stratigraphic samples from which fossils can be recovered. Samples may be collected during geotechnical studies during final design, or alternatively, collected from the sidewalls of trenches dug for geotechnical investigations or during construction.	County	Final Design/Construction	

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CUL-4	<p>Within State Right-of-Way, in the event that human remains are found, the county coroner shall be notified and ALL construction activities within 60 feet of the discovery shall stop. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) who will then notify the Most Likely Descendant (MLD). The person who discovered the remains will contact the District 8 Division of Environmental Planning; Gabrielle Duff, DEBC; (909)383-6933 and Gary Jones, DNAC; (909)383-7505. Further provisions of PRC 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.</p>	Contractor	Construction	
CUL-5	<p>Outside State Right-of-Way, in the event that human remains are found, the county coroner shall be notified and ALL construction activities within 60 feet of the discovery shall stop. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) who will then notify the Most Likely Descendant (MLD). The person who discovered the remains will contact the Riverside County Transportation Department Project Manager, Scott Staley, at (951) 955-6800. Further provisions of PRC 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.</p>	Contractor	Construction	
CUL-6	<p>Within State Right-of-Way, all ground-disturbing activities must be monitored by an archaeological and Native American monitor (approved by the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians [TMDCI]). The archaeological and Native American monitor must attend the pre-construction meeting. Both monitors and the Caltrans DEBC, Gabrielle Duff, must be notified 5</p>	Contractor	Construction	

No.	Description of Commitment	Responsible Party/Monitor	Timing/Phase	Commitment Source
	days in advance of ground-disturbing activities. Additionally, the Caltrans DEBC must be notified within 24 hours of construction completion within State Right-of-Way. A monitoring report must be submitted to Caltrans Cultural Studies within 30 days of end of construction in State Right-of-Way.			
CUL-7	Outside State Right-of-Way, all ground-disturbing activities must be monitored by an archaeological and Native American monitor (approved by the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians [TMDCI]). The archaeological and Native American monitor must attend the pre-construction meeting. Both monitors must be notified 5 days in advance of ground-disturbing activities.	Contractor	Construction	
GEO-1	BMPs will be implemented during construction to minimize erosion. BMPs include any facilities and methods used to remove, reduce, or prevent storm water runoff pollutants from entering receiving waters. Erosion control methods, temporary and permanent BMPs, and improvement of drainage facilities along the roadway would minimize impacts from storm water runoff.	Contractor	Construction	
GEO-2	The project will be designed in accordance with County design and construction requirements as well as the Caltrans Highway Design Manual, Caltrans Design Specifications, and applicable seismic standards.	County	Final Design	

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GEO-3	The project will be designed in accordance with recommendations provided in the final Geotechnical Design Report.	County	Final Design	
CC-1	The project would incorporate the use of energy-efficient lighting, such as light-emitting diode (LED) traffic signals. LED bulbs cost \$60 to \$70 each, but last five to six years, compared to the one-year average lifespan of the incandescent bulbs previously used. The LED bulbs themselves consume 10 percent of the electricity of traditional lights, which will also help reduce the project's CO ₂ emissions.	County	Final Design	
CC-2	According to the Department's Standard Specifications, the contractor must comply with all local Air Quality Management District rules, ordinances, and regulations for air quality restrictions.	Contractor	Construction	
HAZ-1	Based on preliminary plans, right-of-way acquisition is not expected at the Former Coachella Valley Minimex, Former Mecca Chevron or the Riverside County Fire Department Station # 40 Station. These sites are adjacent to the project. Should final plans indicate that a portion of this parcel will be acquired for new right-of-way, a preliminary environmental screening (limited subsurface sampling and laboratory analysis) should be performed for potentially elevated levels of petroleum hydrocarbons and MTBE contamination within the limits of proposed construction, and/or right-of way acquisition.	County	Final Design	

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HAZ-2	If site screening encounters elevated levels of petroleum hydrocarbons and/or MTBE, a limited Phase II ISA should be performed. The Phase II ISA should consist of subsurface sampling and laboratory analysis and be of sufficient quantity to define the extent and concentration of contamination within the areal extent and depths of planned construction activities adjacent to these sites. The Phase II ISA should also provide both a Health and Safety Plan for worker safety and a Work Plan for handling and disposing contaminated soil during construction.	County	Final Design	
HAZ-3:	Test for potential pesticide and herbicide residuals in soils at the agricultural properties on Parcels 727-272-021, 727-272-027, 727-272-031, 727-272-032, and 727-272-033.	County	Final Design	
HAZ-4	To avoid impacts from pavement striping during construction it is recommended that testing and removal requirements for yellow striping and pavement marking materials be performed in accordance with Caltrans Standard Special Provision 15-300 REMOVE TRAFFIC STRIPE AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS.	County	Final Design	
HAZ-5	Any leaking transformers observed during the course of the project should be considered a potential PCB hazard. A detailed inspection of individual electrical transformers was not conducted for this ISA. However, should leaks from electrical transformers (that will either remain within the construction limits or will require removal and/or relocation) be encountered during construction, the transformer fluid should be	County	Final Design	

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	sampled and analyzed by qualified personnel for detectable levels of PCB's. Should PCBs be detected, the transformer should be removed and disposed of in accordance with Title 22, Division 4.5 of the California Code of Regulations and any other appropriate regulatory agency. Any stained soil encountered below electrical transformers with detectable levels of PCB's should also be handled and disposed of in accordance with Title 22, Division 4.5 of the California Code of Regulations and any other appropriate regulatory agency.			
HAZ-6	As is the case for any project that proposes excavation, the potential exists for unknown hazardous contamination to be revealed during project construction. For any previously unknown hazardous waste/ material encountered during construction, the procedures outline in Appendix E (Caltrans Unknown Hazard Procedures) shall be followed.	County	Construction	
WQ-1	<p>Best management practices:</p> <p>The area of construction and disturbance would be limited to as small an area as feasible to reduce erosion and sedimentation.</p> <p>Measures would be implemented during land-disturbing activities to reduce erosion and sedimentation. These measures may include mulches, soil binders and erosion control blankets, silt fencing, fiber rolls, temporary berms, sediment desilting basins, sediment traps, and check dams.</p> <p>Existing vegetation would be protected where feasible to reduce erosion and sedimentation. Vegetation would be preserved by installing</p>	County/Contractor	Construction	

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	<p>temporary fencing, or other protection devices, around areas to be protected.</p> <p>Exposed soils would be covered by loose bulk materials or other materials to reduce erosion and runoff during rainfall events.</p> <p>Exposed soils would be stabilized, through watering or other measures, to prevent the movement of dust at the project site caused by wind and construction activities such as traffic and grading activities.</p> <p>All construction roadway areas would be properly protected to prevent excess erosion, sedimentation, and water pollution.</p> <p>All vehicle and equipment maintenance procedures would be conducted off-site. In the event of an emergency, maintenance would occur away from the stormwater channel.</p> <p>All concrete curing activities would be conducted to minimize spray drift and prevent curing compounds from entering the waterway directly or indirectly.</p> <p>All construction materials, vehicles, stockpiles, and staging areas would be situated outside of the stream channel as feasible. All stockpiles would be covered, as feasible.</p> <p>Energy dissipaters and erosion control pads would be provided at the bottom of slope drains. Other flow conveyance control mechanisms may include earth dikes, swales, or ditches. Stream bank</p>			

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	<p>stabilization measures would also be implemented.</p> <p>All erosion control measures and storm water control measures would be properly maintained until the site has returned to a pre-construction state.</p> <p>All disturbed areas would be restored to pre-construction contours and revegetated, either through hydroseeding or other means, with native or approved non-invasive exotic species.</p> <p>All construction materials would be hauled off-site after completion of construction.</p>			
WQ-2	Any requirements for additional avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures will be contained in the permits obtained from all required regulatory agencies.	County	Permitting	
WQ-3	The proposed project would require a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Construction Permit for Discharges of storm water associated with construction activities (Construction General Permit 09-2009-DWQ). A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) would also be developed and implemented as part of the Construction General Permit.	County	Permitting	

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WQ-4	The construction contractor shall adhere to the SWRCB Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ NPDES Permit pursuant to Section 402 of the CWA. This permit authorizes storm water and authorized non-storm water discharges from Caltrans construction properties, facilities and activities and would be required prior to construction of this project. As part of this Permit requirement, a SWPPP shall be prepared prior to construction consistent with the requirements of the RWQCB. This SWPPP will incorporate all applicable BMPs to ensure that adequate measures are taken during construction to minimize impacts to water quality.	Contractor	Construction	
WQ-5	The project shall incorporate plans and design to ensure that the quantity and quality of runoff discharged to the adjacent Conservation Area is not altered in an adverse way when compared with existing conditions.	County	Final Design	
WQ-6	Stormwater systems shall be designed to prevent the release of toxins, chemicals, petroleum products, exotic plant materials or other elements that might degrade or harm biological resources or ecosystem processes within the Conservation Area.	County	Final Design	
LUP-1	The project will be submitted to the CVMHCP to undergo the Project Review process and will comply with all pertinent CVMHCP measures.	County	Final Design	

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NOI-1	Rubberized asphalt will be considered for conditionally acceptable noise levels at receivers R3 and R16.	County	Final Design	
NOI-2	Standard Specification 14-8.02, "Noise Control", and SSP S5-310, Section 14-8.02 states: Do not exceed 86 dBA at 50 feet from the job site activities from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Equip an internal combustion engine with the manufacturer recommended muffler. Do not operate an internal combustion engine on the job site without the appropriate muffler.	Contractor	Construction	
NOI-3	In areas adjacent to or within the Conservation Area, the project shall be designed to maintain noise levels at or below 75 dBA Leq hourly. Noise in excess of 75 dBA Leq hourly shall require setbacks, berms, or walls, as appropriate, to minimize the effects of noise on the adjacent Conservation Area.	County/Contractor	Construction	
PS-1	Impacts to traffic flow as a result of construction activities would be reduced by implementing the traffic management plan and a construction phasing plan for the proposed project. The traffic management plan includes requirements to provide the public with information through brochures and mailers, media releases, public meetings, and notification to impacted groups. Under the traffic management plan, travelers would be informed with changeable message signs, traveler information systems (internet), and	Contractor	Construction	

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	bicycle community information, if necessary.			

Appendix E Acronyms

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AUL	Activity and Use Limitations
B.S.	Bachelor of Science
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BMP	Best Management Practices
BSA	Biological Study Area
CA	California
CALTRANS	California Department of Transportation
CBC	California Building Code
CDCA	California Desert Conservation Plan
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
C-G	General Commercial
CO	Carbon Monoxide
DbA	decibels a-weighted
DWQ	Department of Water Quality
EMFAC	Emissions Factors Model
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTIP	Federal Transportation Improvement Program
GHG	Greenhouse Gases
IS	Initial Study
ISA	Initial Site Assessment
LED	light emitting diode
LOS	Level of Service
M.A.	Master of Arts
MDAQMD	Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District
MLD	Most Likely Descendent
NAHC	Native American Heritage Commission
MND	Mitigated Negative Declaration
NESMI	Natural Environment Study-Minimal Impact
NOX	Nitrogen Oxide(s)
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
O-P	Office Professional
P.E.	Professional Engineer
P.G.	Professional Geologist
PCB	Polychlorinated biphenyls

PM	Particulate matter
PM ₁₀	Particulate matter, diameter 10 micrometers
PM _{2.5}	Particulate matter, diameter 2.5 micrometers
POAQC	Project of Air Quality Concern
ppm	parts per million
PRC	Public Resources Code
PS&E	Project Specifications and Estimates
R.E.A.	Registered Environmental Assessor
REC	Recognized Environmental Condition
RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
SBD	San Bernardino (county code)
SCAG	Southern California Association of Governments
SCEW	Small Construction Erosivity Waiver
SIP	State Implementation Plan
SO ₂	Sulfur dioxide
SR	State Route
SWPPP	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
TCWG	Transportation Conformity Working Group
U.S.	United States
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
VOCS	Volatile Organic Compounds

Appendix F Response to Public Comments
(July 1, 2015—July 30, 2015)

Comment 1: Mr. Michael Tadayon, property owner (phone conversation with Marcia Rose, County of Riverside, July 14, 2015).

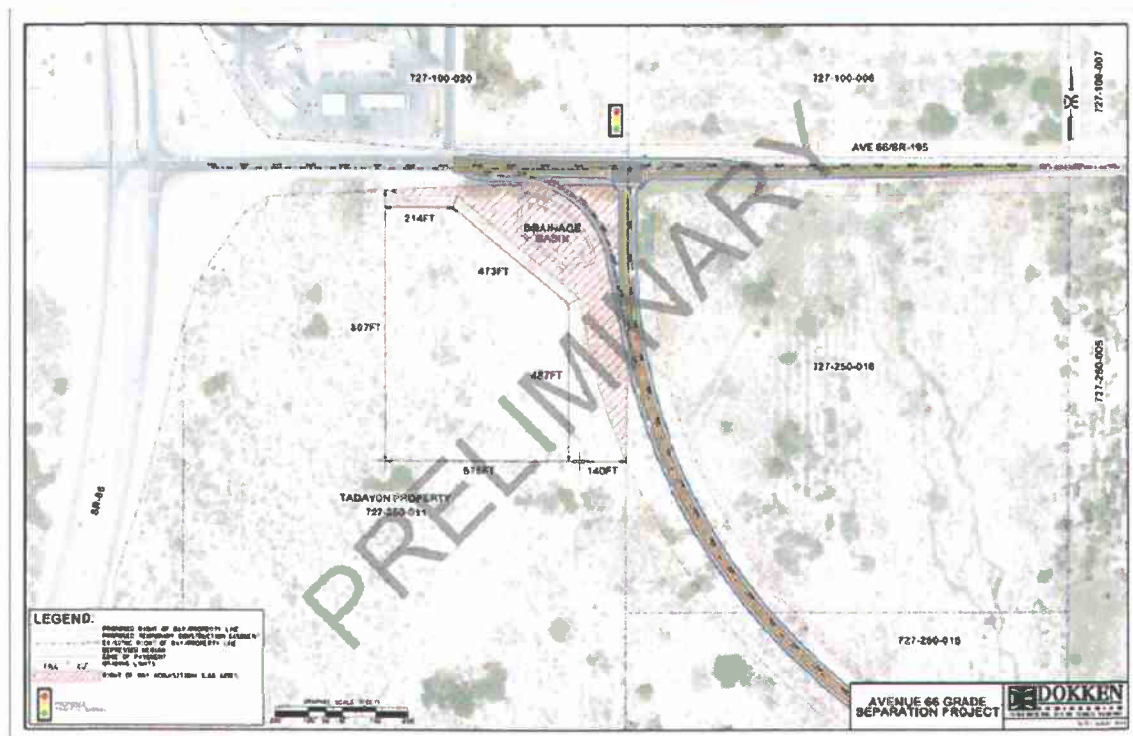
Mr. Tadayon contacted Marcia Rose, Senior Environmental Planner, County of Riverside, regarding the project. Mr. Tadayon expressed concern about the project's potential impact to his property.

Response 1: A follow-up email was sent from the County on July 14, 2015. An email with a link to the environmental document including maps was sent to Mr. Tadayon on July 15, 2015. In a July 18, 2015 email, Mr. Tadayon requested a map detailing the angle at which the road goes through his property. A map was emailed to Mr. Tadayon on August 4, 2015. Mr. Tadayon left a message with Dokken Engineering on August 7, 2015. Dokken Engineering called and left a follow-up message on August 10, 2015.

FW: Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project; RE: Question from Michele Tadayon
Exhibit_Tadayon.pdf; Exhibit_Tadayon.jpg

Hello Ms. Tadayon:

Attached is an exhibit showing where the project would be located on your property. Dimensions are included along with the estimated acres. The purpose of the project is to construct a new route over State Route 111 and the railroad to improve access and allow traffic to cross while trains are passing. Please let us know if you have any questions.



Regards,
Cherry Brent
Associate Environmental Planner
DOKKEN ENGINEERING
110 Blue Ravine Road, Suite 200, Folsom, CA 95630
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Date: July 18, 2015 at 8:24:53 PM PDT
To: "Staley, Scott" <CSTALEY@rctlma.org>
Reply-To: MICHELE S TADION <smtaccessla@verizon.net>

Hello Scott,

Please send me a pathagrophy plane detailing what anegle the road goes through my property ,how much of my land is needed,another words exact dimensions in detail.

What is the purpose of this road (project)?

Where does it end/

Thank you . Michele Tadayon .

On Friday, July 17, 2015 10:19 AM, "Staley, Scott" <CSTALEY@rctlma.org> wrote:

Hello Micheal,

This is Scott Staley. Sorry it's taken me awhile to get back to you. I hope the information the team has provided clarifies the proposed project and impacts to your property. Let me know if it does not.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cherry Brent <cbrent@dokkenengineering.com>
Subject: RE: Avenue 66th Grade Separation Project Public Circulation: Question from Mr. Michael Tadayon-
Date: July 15, 2015 at 3:27:23 PM PDT
To: "smtaccessla@verizon.net" <smtaccessla@verizon.net>
Cc: "Rose, Marcia Frances (MFROSE@rctlma.org)" <MFROSE@rctlma.org>, "CSTALEY@rctlma.org" <CSTALEY@rctlma.org>, Juann Ramos <jramos@dokkenengineering.com>, Nemat Hosseinion <nhosseinion@dokkenengineering.com>

Mr. Tadayon,

As a follow-up to your inquiry on the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project, Marcia Rose at Riverside County requested that we provide to you a link to the environmental document. Please use the link below to download. We also wanted to clarify that the 0.06 acre of impact mentioned was incorrect and was for a different assessor's parcel number.

The environmental document includes maps of the project. Figure 3 of the document shows the proposed project and your parcel location.

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Thank you,

Cherry Brent

Associate Environmental Planner

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From: Rose, Marcia Frances <MFROSE@rctima.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 2:38 PM
To: 'smtaccessla@verizon.net'
Cc: Staley, Scott
Subject: Avenue 66th Grade Separation Project Public Circulation: Question from Mr. Michael Tadayon-
Attachments: 1822_Notice_061115_englishpublish.docx

Dear Mr. Tadayon:

Per your call this afternoon, you indicated you received the Notice of Intent (NOI) to circulate the Initial Study/MND for the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project.

You are concerned about impact to the APN: 727250011(Shahram Tadayon) property. According to the Community Impact Assessment, your property will be slightly impacted at the northwest tip by 0.06 acres.

You are welcome to comment on this project. Please send all comments to my attention by July 30, 2015.

Please call the Project Manager, Scott Staley (951-955-2092) to discuss further questions.

And you are welcome to call me, if you need me to send you the Initial Study/MND or other technical reports that are open to the public during circulation.

Thank you,

Marcia Frances Rose, M.S., PMP
Senior Transportation Planner
Riverside County Transportation Department- Environmental Division
Riverside County - Transportation and Land Management Agency
3525 14th Street
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951-955-1505

Comment 2: Molly A. Penberth, Manager, Division of Land Resource Protection, Department of Conservation (July 30, 2015)



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Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor
John M. Lowrie, Assistant Director

July 30, 2015

VIA EMAIL: mfrose@rctlma.org

Ms. Marcia Frances Rose
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Transportation Department-Environmental Division
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Riverside, CA 92501

Dear Ms. Rose:

AVENUE 66 GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT; SCH# 201451063

The Department of Conservation's (Department) Division of Land Resource Protection (Division) has reviewed the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration submitted by the County of Riverside (County). The Division monitors farmland conversion on a statewide basis and administers the California Land Conservation (Williamson) Act and other agricultural land conservation programs. We offer the following comments and recommendations with respect to the proposed project.

Project Description

The project proposes to construct a new grade separation and roadway to cross the Union Pacific Railroad and Highway 111 from Avenue 66 to Lincoln Street in the community of Mecca. The total length of the project is approximately 1.7 miles. The project area has historically been used for agricultural production and currently the area east of the railroad is planted with bell peppers. The Department of Conservation's Division of Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program classifies the project site as Prime Farmland and Farmland of Local Importance.

A portion of the project site (assessor's parcel number 727-272-021) is currently under Williamson Act contract. The current contract is in the process of non-renewal; however, the possibility exists that the contract will still be valid when the project receives approval.

Public Acquisition Notification Process

The Williamson Act statute states that public agencies shall notify the Director of the Department, *before* making a decision to acquire property located in an agricultural preserve (Government Code(GC) §51291(b)). To date, the Department has not received the required notice. The effect of GC §51291(b) is to enable the acquiring public agency to evaluate the ramifications of purchasing land located in an agricultural preserve. The manner in which property acquisition is followed is important as purchase by a public agency does not, by itself, nullify a Williamson Act contract. If the acquisition is not made in compliance with § 51295, the contract will stay on the land and the acquiring agency may incur additional costs and time delays if the contract must be removed via a different mechanism. The Department will be in a better position to assist the County in accomplishing its goal, if the Department is provided the pre-acquisition and post-acquisition notices required by § 51291.

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Comment 2 (continued)

Ms. Marcia Frances Rose
July 30, 2015
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It is important that the notice come to the Department before the County begins negotiating with landowners. In order for the County to meet the notice requirements and facilitate the project, it should directly notify the Director of the Department of Conservation of its intent to acquire land located within an agricultural preserve for the above mentioned project.

Enclosed for your benefit is a copy of the Public Acquisition Notification Provisions of the Williamson Act, which we offer as a guide for the public process. Notice is required in the following instances:

1. Notice before making a decision to acquire property located in an agricultural preserve;
2. Notice within 10 days when the property is actually acquired;
3. Notice if the public entity proposes any significant changes to the acquisition; and
4. Notice after acquisition if the acquiring public agency decides not to acquire the property for the intended purpose.

B

As part of the notice process (GC § 51292(a)), the County will provide findings and support information to the Department that the location of the project is not based primarily on the lower cost of acquiring agricultural land and that there is no other land within or outside of the preserve on which it is reasonably feasible to locate the public improvement.

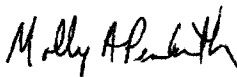
Department Comments

The Department suggests that in order for the County to meet the notice requirements and facilitate the project, it should directly notify the Director of the Department of Conservation of its intent to acquire land located within an agricultural preserve for the above mentioned project. The Department also suggests that the County mitigate for the loss of farmland impacted by the proposed project.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project, Mitigated Negative Declaration. Please provide this Department with notices of any future hearing dates as well as any staff reports pertaining to this project. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact Earl Grundy, Environmental Planner at (916) 324-7347 or via email at Earl.Grundy@conservation.ca.gov.

C

Sincerely,



Molly A. Penberth, Manager
Division of Land Resource Protection
Conservation Support Unit

Enclosure

cc: State Clearinghouse

Comment 2A: A portion of the project site (assessor's parcel number 727-272-021) is currently under Williamson Act contract. The current contract is in the process of non-renewal; however, the possibility exists that the contract will still be valid when the project receives approval.

The Williamson Act statute states that public agencies shall notify the Director of the Department, *before* making a decision to acquire property located in an agricultural preserve (Government Code (GC) §5129(b). To date, the Department has not received the required notice. The effect GC §51291(b) is to enable the acquiring public agency to evaluate the ramifications of purchasing land located in an agricultural preserve. The manner in which property acquisition is followed is important as purchase by a public agency does not, by itself, nullify a Williamson Act contract. If the acquisition is not made in compliance with §51295, the contract will stay on the land and the acquiring agency may incur additional costs and time delays if the contract must be removed via a different mechanism. The Department will be in a better position to assist the County in accomplishing its goal, if the Department is provided the pre-acquisition and post-acquisition notices required by §51291.

Response 2A: Assessor's parcel number 727-272-021 is currently owned by the County of Riverside. Pre-acquisition notices are therefore not required related to the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project. Additionally, after re-review of the project area, project activities can be conducted outside of this parcel. The Figures 3 and 4 have been updated accordingly. Section II. Agriculture and Forest Resources, answer "b" was revised as follows:

b) No Impact. The project footprint does not go onto Williamson Act Contract land. While parcel 727-272-021 is nearby and in current non-renewal, the project does not require work within it.

Comment 2B: Enclosed for your benefit is a copy of the Public Acquisition Notification Provisions of the Williamson Act, which we offer as a guide for the public process . . . [a]s part of the notice process (GC §51292(a), the County will provide findings and support information to the Department that the location of the project is not based primarily on the lower cost of acquiring agricultural land and that there is no other land within or outside of the preserve on which it is reasonably feasible to locate the public improvement.

Response 2B: Enclosures were not found, however, contact was made with Earl Grundy, Environmental Planner, Department of Conservation, to ask if particular forms are needed for the notice. Mr. Grundy directed the environmental consultant, Dokken Engineering, to the webpage http://www.consrv.ca.gov/dlrp/lca/basic_contract_provisions/Pages/public_acquisitions.aspx to download the Public Acquisition Notification Procedures-A Step by Step Guide and related example materials.

As a result of the County's further review of the project activities and the location of parcel 727-272-021, it was determined that the project footprint does not go onto this parcel or other Williamson Act contract land. Pre-acquisition notices are therefore not required related to the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project.

Comment 2C: Please provide this Department with notices of any future hearing dates as well as any staff reports pertaining to this project.

Response 2C: The Department of Conservation will be notified of future hearing dates, as well as the circulation of public documents related to the project.

Comment 3: Mark L. Johnson, Director of Engineering, Coachella Valley Water District (July 31, 2015).



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Ms. Marcia Frances Rose
County of Riverside
Transportation and Land Management Agency
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Dear Ms. Rose:

**Subject: Revised Draft Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative
Declaration for the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project**

Thank you for affording the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) the opportunity to review the Revised Draft Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project in the community of Mecca, Riverside County. CVWD provides domestic water, wastewater, recycled water, irrigation/drainage, regional stormwater protection and groundwater management services to a population of nearly 300,000 throughout the Coachella Valley.

At this time, CVWD submits the following comments regarding the proposed project:

Irrigation Facilities

There are existing U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) facilities not shown on the development plans. There may be conflicts with these facilities. CVWD requests that Riverside County withhold issuance of grading permits until CVWD has reviewed the proposed development, related impacts to the USBR facilities, associated right-of-way, and provided Riverside County with written confirmation that there is no interference. The USBR conflicts include, but are not limited to, Lateral 94.2 and Lateral 94.2-3.6.

This area is underlain with agricultural drainage lines. There are CVWD and private facilities not shown on the development plans. There may be conflicts with these facilities. CVWD requests that Riverside County withhold issuance of grading permits until CVWD has reviewed the proposed development and related impacts to the CVWD and private facilities, associated right-of-way, and provided Riverside County with written confirmation that there is no interference. The private conflicts include, but are not limited to: Johnson Mecca Drain; Lincoln Street Open Channel; and Private Tile Drain 228.

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Stormwater Facilities

The project lies within the Eastern Coachella Valley Master Stormwater Planning Project, which will provide flood protection to the communities of Thermal, Vista Santa Rosa, Oasis, Mecca and North Shore. CVWD is in the early stages of this planning effort. Upon completion of the design phase, developers and property owners within the area may be required to dedicate right-of-way for flood control facilities and/or participate in the financing of a portion of these facilities.

CVWD's Stormwater Master Plan for the Mecca area will require future modification of the existing Lincoln Street Stormwater Channel. The modification may require a right-of-way width of approximately 180 feet (west to east) at the proposed channel crossing for the project; please consider this during planning stage of project. The 100-year peak flow at this location is approximately 7,000 cubic-feet per second.

The County has proposed a bridge or culvert crossing over the existing Lincoln Street Channel. The bridge/culvert required for the channel crossing should be built to the ultimate condition per the completed Mecca/North Shore Stormwater Master Plan. CVWD is coordinating with the County to design and construct the remaining additional capacity (culverts) to convey the entire 100-year peak flow per the completed Mecca/North Shore Stormwater Master Plan.

Please update and revise the project description to include CVWD's proposed 10-cell box culvert across the Lincoln Street Channel as part of the proposed project.

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Wastewater Facilities

Please include the 12-inch and 18-inch sewer force mains located at the Avenue 66/Lincoln Street intersection as part of this project. Also, please include a proposed 6-inch sewer force main along the eastern roadway shoulder of Lincoln Street from Avenue 66 to Avenue 68 as part of the project description.

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Domestic Water Facilities

There is an existing CVWD 12-inch-diameter domestic water main within Hammond Road that may need to be relocated to accommodate the proposed project.

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Also, please include CVWD's proposed 30-inch domestic water main within the roadway alignment/project area between State Route 195/Avenue 66 to Avenue 66/Home Avenue in Mecca as part of the project description.

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Also, please see the enclosed previous CVWD comment letter dated June 16, 2014 regarding this project.

If you have any questions, please call Luke Stowe, Environmental Supervisor, extension 2545.

Sincerely,



Mark L. Johnson
Director of Engineering

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Comment 3A:

Irrigation Facilities

There are existing US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) facilities not shown on the development plans. There may be conflicts with these facilities. CVWD requests that Riverside County withhold issuance of grading permits until CVWD has reviewed the proposed development, related impacts to the USBR facilities, associated right-of-way, and provided Riverside County with written confirmation that there is no interference. The USBR conflicts include, but are not limited to, Lateral 94.2 and Lateral 94.2-3.6.

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Response 3A: Thank you for your comments. The County will continue utility coordination during the Final Design phase of the project to address Lateral 94.2, Lateral 94.2-3.6, the Johnson Mecca Drain, Lincoln Street Open Channel, Private Tile Drain 228, CVWD 18-inch-diameter sewer force main along Avenue 66, and the existing CVWD 12-inch-diameter domestic water main within Hammond Road. Please also see Responses 3B, 3C, and 3D for related information.

Comment 3B: The bridge/culvert required for the channel crossing should be built to the ultimate condition per the completed Mecca/North Shore Stormwater Master Plan. CVWD is coordinating with the County to design and construct the remaining additional capacity (culverts) to convey the entire 100-year peak flow per the completed Mecca/North Shore Stormwater Master Plan.

Response 3B: The County is coordinating with CVWD to build the bridge/culvert to the ultimate condition per the completed Mecca/North Shore Stormwater Master Plan. The Final IS/MND project description now includes the sentence, "The project would include the construction of a bridge or

culvert to span the Lincoln Street Stormwater Channel's ultimate condition per the completed Mecca/North Shore Stormwater Master Plan."

The bridge or culvert to span the Lincoln Street Stormwater Channel's ultimate condition per the completed Mecca/North Shore Stormwater Master Plan is within the footprint of the project as proposed. Modifications to the analysis in the Initial Study were not necessary.

Comment 3C: Please include the 12-inch and 18-inch sewer force mains located at the Avenue 66/Lincoln Street intersection as part of this project. Also, please include a proposed 6-inch sewer force main along the eastern roadway shoulder of Lincoln Street from Avenue 66 to Avenue 68 as part of the project description.

Response 3C: The County will continue coordination with CVWD for the existing facilities that may be affected by the Avenue 66 Grade Separation.

Comment 3D: There is an existing CVWD 12-inch-diameter domestic water main within Hammond Road that may need to be relocated to accommodate the proposed project.

Response 3D: The County will coordinate with CVWD during Final Design of the Avenue 66 Grade Separation to address utility work that may be needed with an existing CVWD 12-inch-diameter domestic water main within Hammond Road.

Comment 3E: Also, please include CVWD's proposed 30-inch domestic water main within the roadway alignment/project area between State Route 195/Avenue 66 to Avenue 66/Home Avenue in Mecca as part of the project description.

Response 3E: The Final Initial Study's project description now includes CVWD's proposed 30-inch domestic water main within the roadway alignment/project area between State Route 195/Avenue 66 to Avenue 66/Home Avenue in Mecca as part of the project description.



THE TORRES MARTINEZ DESERT CAHUILLA INDIANS

P.O. Box 1160
Thermal, CA 92274
(760) 397-0300 – FAX (760) 397-8146

July 27, 2015

Marcia Frances Rose
Riverside County Transportation Department
Environmental Division
3525 14th Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Re: Revised Draft Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Avenue 66
Grade Separation Project

Dear Ms. Rose:

Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians (TMDCI) has the following comments to the Revised
Draft Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Avenue 66 Grade Separation
Project:

Meeting with County, Tribe and Caltrans: In the March 10, 2015 meeting with the County,
Tribe and Caltrans it was discussed that due to the known cultural resources in the area that the
CEQA document would incorporate a cultural monitoring requirement. The County agreed to
incorporate provisions for cultural monitoring as a mitigation measure in the CEQA document.

As per Gary Jones with Caltrans: Because the monitoring requirements are listed in the federal
level documents, they are required for the project overall, even if the CEQA documents don't
mention them. At our meeting in March, Gary Jones recommended to RCTD's consultant that
they include the monitoring measures in their CEQA documents for consistency, but it appears
they did not choose to do it. This does not change the fact that monitoring is required under the
federal documents; it just would be cleaner to have the entire paperwork match.

Cultural Study: Please forward a copy of the revised cultural study which should have been
amended to include an indication of cultural sensitivity in the area as discussed in the March 10,
2015 meeting.

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Please feel free to contact Robert Powell, GIS Analyst by email at rpowell@tmtanf.org at or phone at (760)397-0300, extension 1254 with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Roland G. Ferrer
Planning Director

C: Gary Jones, Caltrans
Gary Resvaloso, Torres Martinez M.L.D.
Russell Williams, County of Riverside

Comment 4A: Meeting with County, Tribe and Caltrans: In the March 10, 2015 meeting with the County, Tribe and Caltrans it was discussed that due to the known cultural resources in the area the at the CEQA document would incorporate a cultural monitoring requirement. The County agreed to incorporate provisions for cultural monitoring as a mitigation measure in the CEQA document.

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Response 4A: Thank you for your comment. Additional environmental commitments, Measure CUL-6 and CUL-7 included below, were added to clearly indicate potential for buried deposits. This is in addition to Measures CUL-1 through CUL-5, which were already included in the draft Initial Study (as CUL-1 through CUL-3). The measures below are what have been included and updated in the Final Initial Study.

CUL-1: Within State Right-of-Way, if buried cultural resources are encountered during Project Activities, it is Caltrans policy that work stop within 60 feet of the discovery until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the nature and significance of the find. The archaeological monitor must notify the Caltrans District Environmental Branch Chief (DEBC), Gabrielle Duff, if buried cultural resources are encountered.

CUL-2: Outside of State Right-of-Way, if buried cultural resources are encountered during Project Activities, work will stop within 60 feet of the discovery until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the nature and significance of the find. The archaeological monitor must notify the Riverside County Transportation Department Project Manager, Scott Staley, at (951) 955-6800, if buried cultural resources are encountered.

CUL-3: Sampling will be conducted on bores that result in intact stratigraphic samples from which fossils can be recovered. Samples may be collected during geotechnical studies during final design, or alternatively, collected from the sidewalls of trenches dug for geotechnical investigations or during construction.

CUL-4: Within State Right-of-Way, in the event that human remains are found, the county coroner shall be notified and ALL construction activities within 60 feet of the discovery shall stop. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) who will then notify the Most Likely Descendent (MLD). The person who discovered the remains will contact the District 8 Division of Environmental Planning; Gabrielle Duff, DEBC: (909)383-6933 and Gary Jones, DNAC: (909)383-7505. Further provisions of PRC 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.

CUL-5: Outside State Right-of-Way, in the event that human remains are found, the county coroner shall be notified and ALL construction activities within 60 feet of the discovery shall stop. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) who will then notify the Most Likely Descendent (MLD). The person who discovered the remains will contact the Riverside County Transportation Department Project Manager, Scott Staley, at (951) 955-6800. Further provisions of PRC 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.

CUL-6: Within State Right-of-Way, all ground-disturbing activities must be monitored by an archaeological and Native American monitor (approved by the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians [TMDCI]). The archaeological and Native American monitor must attend the pre-construction meeting. Both monitors and the Caltrans DEBC, Gabrielle Duff, must be notified 5 days in advance of ground-disturbing activities. Additionally, the Caltrans DEBC must be notified within 24 hours of construction completion within State Right-of-Way. A monitoring report must be submitted to Caltrans Cultural Studies within 30 days of end of construction in State Right-of-Way.

CUL-7: Outside State Right-of-Way, all ground-disturbing activities must be monitored by an archaeological and Native American monitor (approved by the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians [TMDCI]). The archaeological and Native American monitor must attend the pre-construction meeting. Both monitors must be notified 5 days in advance of ground-disturbing activities.

Comment 4B: Please forward a copy of the revised cultural study which should have been amended to include an indication of cultural sensitivity in the area as discussed in the March 10, 2015 meeting.

Response 4B: The County is forwarding a copy of the revised cultural study and the Final Initial Study to the Torrez-Martinez Tribe.

Comment 5: Thomas S. Freeman, Chief Administrative Officer & Executive Vice President, Chandi Group USA (July 6, 2015).



July 6, 2015

Marcia Frances Rose
Transportation Department-TLMA
3525 14th Street
Riverside, CA. 92501

Re: Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project

Dear Ms. Rose:

Thank you for your letter of July 1, 2015 which we received on July 6, 2015 here in our corporate offices in the City of Indio. We will review the documents at the Mecca-North Shore Public Library, 91260 Avenue 66, Mecca, CA.

Initial review of the information provided has Chandi Group USA in support of the draft initial study and the proposed mitigated negative declaration. Should you have additional information or questions please contact me at tfreeman@chandigroupusa.com or via 760.625.3703.

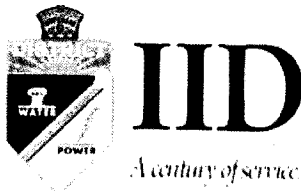
Sincerely,

Thomas S. Freeman
Chief Administrative Officer & Executive Vice President

Cc: President & CEO Chandi Group USA
4th District County Supervisors
TLMA Director

Response 5: Thank you for your response letter. The County acknowledges your support of the draft initial study and the proposed mitigated negative declaration.

Comment 6: Donald Vargas, Environmental Regulatory Compliance Administrator, Imperial Irrigation District (July 28, 2015).



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July 28, 2015

Ms. Marcia Frances Rose
Senior Environmental Planner
Transportation Department – Environmental Division
County of Riverside
3525 14th Street
Riverside, CA 92501

SUBJECT: Ave. 66 Grade Separation Project Revised IS and Proposed MND

Dear Ms. Rose

On July 7, 2015 we received from the Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency - Transportation Department, a revised Initial Study (IS) and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project. The project, which proposes to construct a new grade separation and road to cross the Union Pacific Railroad and Highway 111 from Avenue 66 to Lincoln Street in the community of Mecca, CA; for a total length of 1.5 miles, has been modified to begin its alignment $\pm 1,100$ ft. east of SR-86 ($\pm 2,600$ ft. west of Lincoln Street); consequently the corresponding technical studies have been revised.

The Imperial Irrigation District has reviewed the IS and proposed MND and in addition to the comments contained in our letter on the original IS/MND dated June 10, 2014 (see attached letter), has the following comments:

1. The project affects five (5) intersection areas in which the IID has electric transmission and/or distribution facilities. Please be advised that additional IID electrical infrastructure could potentially be needed due to the characteristics of the project and that proper clearance must be maintained to meet California GO 95 specifications. IID Energy La Quinta Customer Operations, 81-600 Avenue 58, La Quinta, CA 92253, telephone no. (760) 398-5841, should be contacted for additional information regarding IID electric facilities in and around the project (see attached maps) as well as clearance restrictions.
2. It is important to note that due to the fact that the relocation of existing utilities (i.e. electricity) is a consequence of the grade separation project, the County of Riverside will be responsible for any environmental mitigation required for the relocation of IID facilities, and as such, has included the relocation of utilities in the project's description included in the revised IS and MND. Thus to avoid project delays and downtime, it is essential to mindful of this and coordinate our efforts as the project evolves into the construction phase and the relocation of IID infrastructure is undertaken.
3. Any construction or operation on IID property or within its existing and proposed right of way or easements will require an encroachment permit, including but not limited to: surface improvements such as proposed new streets, driveways, parking lots,

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landscape; and all water, sewer, storm water, or any other above ground or underground utilities (e.g. power lines). A copy of the encroachment permit application is included in the District's *Developer Project Guide 2008*, and can be accessed at: <http://www.iid.com/home/showdocument?id=2328>. Instructions for the completion of an IID encroachment application can be found at the following website: <http://www.iid.com/home/showdocument?id=3306>. The IID Real Estate Section should be contacted at (760) 339-9239 for additional information regarding encroachment permits.

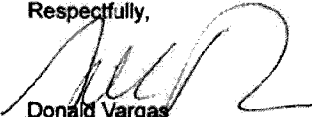
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4. Any new, relocated, modified or reconstructed IID facilities required for and by the project (which can include but is not limited to electrical utility substations, electrical transmission and distribution lines, canals, drains, etc.) need to be included as part of the project's CEQA and/or NEPA documentation, environmental impact analysis and mitigation. Failure to do so will result in postponement of any construction and/or modification of IID facilities until such time as the environmental documentation is amended and environmental impacts are fully mitigated. **Any and all mitigation necessary as a result of the construction, relocation and/or upgrade of IID facilities is the responsibility of the project proponent.**

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 760-482-3609 or by e-mail at dvargas@iid.com. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Respectfully,


Donald Vargas
Environmental Regulatory
Compliance Administrator

Kevin Kelley – General Manager
Kristine Fontaine – Asst. General Manager
Mike Pacheco – Manager, Water Dept.
Tina Shields – Co-Manager, Water Dept.
Carl Stills – Manager, Energy Dept.
Vance Taylor – Asst. General Counsel
Tom King – Deputy Energy Manager, Engineering & Operations
Paul G. Paschel – Manager Planning & Engineering, Energy Dept.
Angela Evans – Manager Distribution Services & Maintenance Operations
Oscar Kebrili – Supt. Gen. Project Implementation, Energy Dept.
Michael P. Kemp – Superintendent, Real Estate & Environmental Compliance
Randy Gray – Interim Supervisor, Real Estate
Bruce Wilcox – Manager Environmental and Salton Sea Programs

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Comment 6B: It is important to note that due to the fact that the relocation of existing utilities (i.e. electricity) is a consequence of the grade separation project, the County of Riverside will be responsible for any environmental mitigation required for the relocation of IID facilities, and as such, has included the relocation of utilities in the project's description included in the revised IS and MND. Thus to avoid project delays and downtime, it is essential to [be] mindful of this and coordinate our efforts as the project evolves into the construction phase and the relocation of IID infrastructure is undertaken.

Response 6A and 6B: Thank you for your comment. The County will coordinate with IID regarding any and all conflicts with existing IID facilities as the project evolves into design and construction phases. The relocation of utilities is included in the project description.

Comment 6C: Any construction or operation on IID property or within its existing and proposed right of way or easements will require an encroachment permit, including but not limited to: surface improvements such as proposed new streets, driveways, parking lots, landscape; and all water, sewer, storm water, or any other above ground or underground utilities (e.g. power lines). A copy of the encroachment permit application is included in the District's *Developer Project Guide 2008*, and can be accessed at: <http://www.iid.com/home/showdocument?id=2328>. Instructions for the completion of an IID encroachment application can be found at the following website: <http://www.iid.com/home/showdocument?id=3306>. The IID Real Estate Section should be contacted at (760) 339-9239 for additional information regarding encroachment permits.

Response 6C: The County will coordinate with IID regarding any encroachment permits required for the project.

Comment 6D: Any new, relocated, modified or reconstructed IID facilities required for and by the project (which can include but is not limited to electrical utility substations, electrical transmission and distribution lines, canals, drains, etc.) need to be included as part of the project's CEQA and/or NEPA documentation, environmental impact analysis and mitigation. Failure to do so will result in postponement of any construction and/or modification of IID facilities until such time as the environmental documentation is amended and environmental impacts are fully mitigated. **Any and all mitigation necessary as a result of the construction, relocation and/or upgrade of IID facilities is the responsibility of the project proponent.**

Response 6D: Utility relocations are included as part of the project CEQA and NEPA documents. As stated in the project description, "Existing utilities, including electricity, phone, gas, and irrigation would be relocated or protected in place." Utility coordination will continue during of the Final Design phase of the project and will include a prior rights determination. Mitigation responsibilities will be dependent on the prior rights determination results.

Comment 7: Scott Morgan, Director, State Clearinghouse (July 31, 2015).



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Governor

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



Ken Alex
Director

July 31, 2015

Marcia Rose
Riverside County
3525 14th Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Subject: Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project
SCH#: 2014051063

Dear Marcia Rose:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Mitigated Negative Declaration to selected state agencies for review. On the enclosed Document Details Report please note that the Clearinghouse has listed the state agencies that reviewed your document. The review period closed on July 30, 2015, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) enclosed. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

"A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

These comments are forwarded for use in preparing your final environmental document. Should you need more information or clarification of the enclosed comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures

cc: Resources Agency

**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

SCH# 2014051063
Project Title Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project
Lead Agency Riverside County

Type MND Mitigated Negative Declaration

Description The County proposes to construct a new grade separation and roadway to cross the Union Pacific Railroad and Highway 111 from Avenue 66 to Lincoln Street in the community of Mecca. The total length of the project is approximately 1.5 miles. Currently, the only UPRR crossing in the area is at 4th Street; because the 4th Street crossing is at-grade, east-west travel is delayed when trains cross.

Lead Agency Contact

Name Marcia Rose
Agency Riverside County
Phone 951 955 1505 **Fax**
email
Address 3525 14th Street
City Riverside **State** CA **Zip** 92501

Project Location

County Riverside
City
Region
Lat / Long 33° 33' 54.5" N / 116° 4' 24.8" W
Cross Streets SR 111 and Avenue 66
Parcel No. 727-272-027, 727-272-010, 727-250-016
Township 7N **Range** 9E **Section** 7/8 **Base** SBB&M

Proximity to:

Highways Hwy 111, 195, 86
Airports
Railways UPRR
Waterways Lincoln Storm Water Channel
Schools Saul Martinez, Mecca ES
Land Use Z: A-1, W-2, and CP-S

Project Issues Agricultural Land; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Flood Plain/Flooding; Geologic/Seismic; Minerals; Noise; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Wetland/Riparian; Growth Inducing; Landuse; Cumulative Effects

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Department of Conservation; Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 6; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 8; Air Resources Board, Transportation Projects; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 7; Department of Toxic Substances Control; Native American Heritage Commission; Public Utilities Commission

Date Received 07/01/2015 **Start of Review** 07/01/2015 **End of Review** 07/30/2015

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Response 7:

The County has included this July 31, 2015 letter from the State Clearinghouse. Thank you.

Appendix G Response to Public Comments on Previous Alignment (May 21, 2014—June 21, 2014)

This appendix includes public comments received on the draft *Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration* issued in May 2014. These comments are included for informational purposes. The May 2014 draft analyzed the potential impacts from a similar alignment that connected to Avenue 66 approximately 2,500 feet east of State Route 86. Upon receipt of public comments, the County made revisions to the Build Alternative. The revised Build Alternative was subsequently analyzed in the *Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project Revised Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration* circulated from July 1, 2015 to July 30, 2015.

Comment 1: Joe Forlerk, Forkert Engineering & Surveying, Inc., Consultant and Liaison to AT&T – Legacy T Engineering, (May 27, 2014)

From: Rose, Marcia Frances
To: Garcia, Herminio
Cc: Staley, Scott; Juann Ramos (jramos@dokkenengineering.com); kdamond@dokkenengineering.com
Subject: FW: Ave. 66 Grade Separation Study, Riverside, CA
Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 2:26:27 PM
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Mino: Could you call and follow up with the utility company on this.

Thank you

Marcia Frances Rose, M.S., PMP
Senior Transportation Planner
Riverside County Transportation Department- Environmental Division
Riverside County - Transportation and Land Management Agency
3525 14th Street
Riverside, CA 92501
951-955-1505

From: Rose, Marcia Frances
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 7:50 AM
To: Garcia, Herminio
Subject: FW: Ave. 66 Grade Separation Study, Riverside, CA

Hi Mino: Please, let's discuss this letter.

Thank you.

Marcia Frances Rose, M.S., PMP
Senior Transportation Planner
Riverside County Transportation Department- Environmental Division
Riverside County - Transportation and Land Management Agency
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From: Joe Forkert [mailto:joe@forkertengineering.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 1:15 PM
To: Rose, Marcia Frances
Subject: Ave. 66 Grade Separation Study, Riverside, CA



Marcia...

Attached is the AT&T Long Distance No Conflict Letter for this project.

Joseph Forkert

Inquiries

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Consultant and Liaison to AT&T - Legacy T Engineering

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Huntington Beach, CA 92646

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jofef@forkertengineering.com

Response 1: Thank you for the response and No-Conflict Letter. Due to feedback received during the public circulation of the Draft Initial Study, the proposed project was modified to intersect farther west on State Route 195-Avenue 66. As a result of the change, the County circulated a Revised Draft Initial Study to discuss the anticipated environmental effects of the revised proposed Build Alternative.

Comment 2: Mr. Jose Cervantes and daughter (phone conversation with Marcia Rose, County of Riverside, May 28, 2014).

Mr. Cervantes and daughter contacted Marcia Rose, Senior Environmental Planner, County of Riverside, to say that he approved of the project. Ms. Rose informed Mr. Cervantes, via his daughter that he is welcome to view the environmental documents at the Riverside County Transportation Department or the Mecca-North Shore Public Library in Mecca. Ms. Rose encouraged Mr. Cervantes to write a letter to the Riverside County Transportation Department stating his position on the project.

Response 2: Thank you. The County welcomes your input and acknowledges your support of the original project alignment. Due to feedback received during the public circulation of the Draft Initial Study, the proposed project was modified to intersect farther west on State Route 195-Avenue 66. As a result of the change, the County circulated a Revised Draft Initial Study to discuss the anticipated environmental effects of the revised proposed Build Alternative.

Comment 3: Luke Stowe, Environmental Scientist, Coachella Valley Water District (May 28, 2014).

Luke Stowe contacted Marcia Rose to request an electronic copy of the IS/Proposed MND.

Response 3: Ms. Rose gave this information to Cherry Zamora at Dokken Engineering. Ms. Zamora called Mr. Stowe the same day to follow-up. Mr. Stowe said he no longer needed the electronic copy because he had just received the hardcopy in the mail.

Please see Comment # 11 for subsequent comments from Coachella Valley Water District.

Comment 4:

Ken Chiang, P.E., Utilities Engineer, Railroad Crossing and Engineering Section, Safety and Enforcement Division, California Public Utilities Commission (letter dated June 10, 2014).

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June 10, 2014

Marcia Rose
County of Riverside
3525 14th Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Re: SCH 2014051063; Riverside County Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project – DMND

Dear Marcia:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has jurisdiction over the safety of highway-rail crossings (crossings) in California. The California Public Utilities Code requires Commission approval for the construction or alteration of crossings and grants the CPUC exclusive power on the design, alteration, and closure of crossings. The CPUC's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) is in receipt of the *draft Mitigated Negative Declaration* (DMND) for the proposed Riverside County (County) Avenue 66 Grade Separation project from the State Clearinghouse. According to the DMND, the County proposes to construct a new 1.5-mile grade-separated roadway crossing over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks and Highway 111 from Avenue 66 to Lincoln Street in the community of Mecca. Currently, the only UPRR crossing in the area is the nearby 4th Street at-grade crossing.

As part of its mission to reduce hazards associated with at-grade crossings, the CPUC's policy is to reduce the number of such crossing configurations. The project includes the construction of a new overhead roadway and new bridge. Due to serious rail safety concerns, especially given the number of trains, the rate of speed and the volume of vehicular traffic, CPUC staff is in support of grade separation of any of the new or existing rail crossings in this project to prevent vehicle/pedestrian vs. train collisions. This is the only way to guarantee no future at-grade crossing accidents.

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Construction of a new public crossing or modification of an existing public crossing requires authorization from the Commission, through the formal application or the General Order (GO) 88-B request processes, respectively, in accordance with the CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure. If interested parties do not reach agreement regarding proposed modifications, a Formal Application to the CPUC will be required in order to obtain authorization to implement the modifications. Prior to submission of a formal application or GO 88-B request, the County should arrange a diagnostic meeting with RCES, UPRR and interested parties to discuss relevant safety issues and requirements for authorization to construct a new crossing and/or alter the existing crossing. More information can be found at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/safety/Rail/Crossings/go88b.htm>.

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If you have any questions, please contact Sergio Licon at 213-576-7085 or Sergio.licon@cpuc.ca.gov, or myself at ykc@cpuc.ca.gov, 213-576-7076.

Sincerely,

Ken Chiang, P.E.
Utilities Engineer
Rail Crossings Engineering Section
Safety and Enforcement Division

CC: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Comment 4A: Due to serious rail safety concerns, especially given the number of trains, the rate of speed and the volume of vehicular traffic, CPUC staff is in support of grade separation of any of the new or existing rail crossings in this project to prevent vehicle/pedestrian vs. train collisions. This is the only way to guarantee no future at-grade crossing accidents.

Response 4A: The County acknowledges that CPUC is in support of a grade separation.

Comment 4B: Prior to submission of a formal application or GO 88-B request, the County should arrange a diagnostic meeting with RCES, UPRR and interested parties to discuss relevant safety issues and requirements for authorization to construct a new crossing and/or alter the existing crossing.

Response 4B:

Thank you for your comment. Based on previous coordination with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), a new crossing application will need to be approved by CPUC. The new crossing application will require a concurrence letter from the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). The UPRR requires near final plans before providing a concurrence letter. As a result, the County will continue coordination with both CPUC and UPRR as part of the final design phase.

Note that due to feedback received during the public circulation of the Draft Initial Study, the proposed project was modified to intersect farther west on State Route 195-Avenue 66. As a result of the change, the County circulated a Revised Draft Initial Study to discuss the anticipated environmental effects of the revised proposed Build Alternative.

Comment 5:

Donald Vargas, Environmental Analyst, Imperial Irrigation District (letter dated June 10, 2014).



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June 10, 2014

Ms. Marcia Frances Rose
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Transportation Department - Environmental Division
County of Riverside
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SUBJECT: Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project Draft IS/MND

Dear Ms. Rose:

On May 27, 2014 we received at our La Quinta Customer Operations offices, the Draft Initial Study (IS) and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project. The County of Riverside proposes to construct a new grade separation and road to cross the Union Pacific Railroad and Highway 111 from Avenue 66 to Lincoln Street in the community of Mecca, CA with a total length of 1.5 miles.

The Imperial Irrigation District (IID) has reviewed the Draft IS/MND and has the following comments:

1. IID policy dictated that any new, relocated, modified or reconstructed IID facilities required for and by a non-IID project (which can include but is not limited to electrical utility substations, electrical transmission and distribution lines, canals, drains, etc.) need to be included as part of the project's CEQA and/or NEPA documentation, environmental impact analysis and mitigation. Failure to do so will result in postponement of any construction and/or modification of IID facilities until such time as the environmental documentation is amended and environmental impacts are fully mitigated. **Any and all mitigation necessary as a result of the construction, relocation and/or upgrade of IID facilities is the responsibility of the project proponent.**
2. Given that the relocation of existing utilities (i.e. electricity) is a consequence of the grade separation project and is included in the project's description, hence the County of Riverside, as the project proponent, is responsible for any mitigation required for the relocation of IID facilities. Thus, it is important to mindful of this fact

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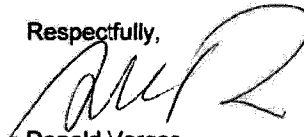
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Ms. Marcia Frances Rose
June 9, 2014
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as the project evolves into the construction phase and the relocation of IID infrastructure is undertaken.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 760-482-3609 or by e-mail at dvargas@iid.com. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Respectfully,



Donald Vargas
Environmental Analyst

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Michael P. Kemp – Superintendent, Real Estate & Environmental
Shayne Ferber – Asst. Supervisor, Real Estate
Vikki Dee Bradshaw – Environmental Compliance Officer

Comment 5A: IID policy dictated that any new, relocated, modified or reconstructed IID facilities required for and by a non-IID project (which can include but is not limited to electrical utility substations, electrical transmission and distribution lines, canals, drains, etc.) need to be included as part of the project's CEQA and/or NEPA documentation, environmental impact analysis and mitigation. Failure to do so will result in postponement of any construction and/or modification of IID facilities until such time as the environmental documentation is amended and environmental impacts are fully mitigated. **Any and all mitigation necessary as a result of the construction, relocation and/or upgrade of IID facilities is the responsibility of the project proponent.**

Response 5A: The various study areas discussed in the environmental document, including the cultural Area of Potential Effect/Project Area Limit, Biological Study Area, paleontological Project Study Area, noise study area, etc., include the areas anticipated for modification. Due to feedback received during the public circulation of the Draft Initial Study, the proposed project was modified to intersect farther west on State Route 195-Avenue 66. As a result of the change, the County circulated a Revised Draft Initial Study to discuss the anticipated environmental effects of the revised proposed Build Alternative. The Revised Draft IS/MND also includes the statement, "Existing utilities, including, electricity, phone, gas, and irrigation would be relocated or protected in place" in the project description.

Utility coordination will continue during of the Final Design phase of the project and will include a prior rights determination. Mitigation responsibilities will be dependent on the prior rights determination results.

Comment 5B: Given that the relocation of existing utilities (i.e. electricity) is a consequence of the grade separation project and is included in the project's description, hence the County of Riverside, as the project proponent, is responsible for any mitigation required for the relocation of IID facilities. Thus, it is important to be mindful of this fact as the project evolves into the construction phase and the relocation of IID infrastructure is undertaken.

Response 5B: Thank you for your comment. Please see response to Comment 5A.

Comment 6:

Mark T. Deveau, Vice President, Chandi Group, USA (email dated June 16, 2014).

From: Mark Deveau
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2014 11:55 AM
To: Rose, Marcia Frances
Cc: Ariana Ayon; Susana Chandi; Nachhattar Chandi
Subject: RE: The Mecca Community Council Meeting 6- 11-2014: Follow up to your request - Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project
Importance: High

Good morning Marcia, please consider this electronic mail transmission of our formal response to the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project presented to the Mecca Community Meeting on June 11, 2014. We have attached an exhibit map that indicates our proposed road alignment in lieu of the County of Riverside Transportation and Land Management Agency presented "Build Alternative" road alignment, including a traffic signal at 66 Ave. We believe that our proposed road alignment will better serve both the residential and business communities in Mecca. In addition, our proposed road alignment along 66 Ave will synchronize with future new large scale commercial and residential developments planned for this area. For over ten years, our existing Mecca Travel Center serves as a local (food, fuel, etc.) resource for the Mecca residents, it has always been our goal to provide direct and easy access for them. We are available to meet with your planners and engineers to provide any details of our proposal. We trust that you will recognize the significance of our proposal and revise the road alignment for the Avenue 66 Grade Separation Project accordingly.

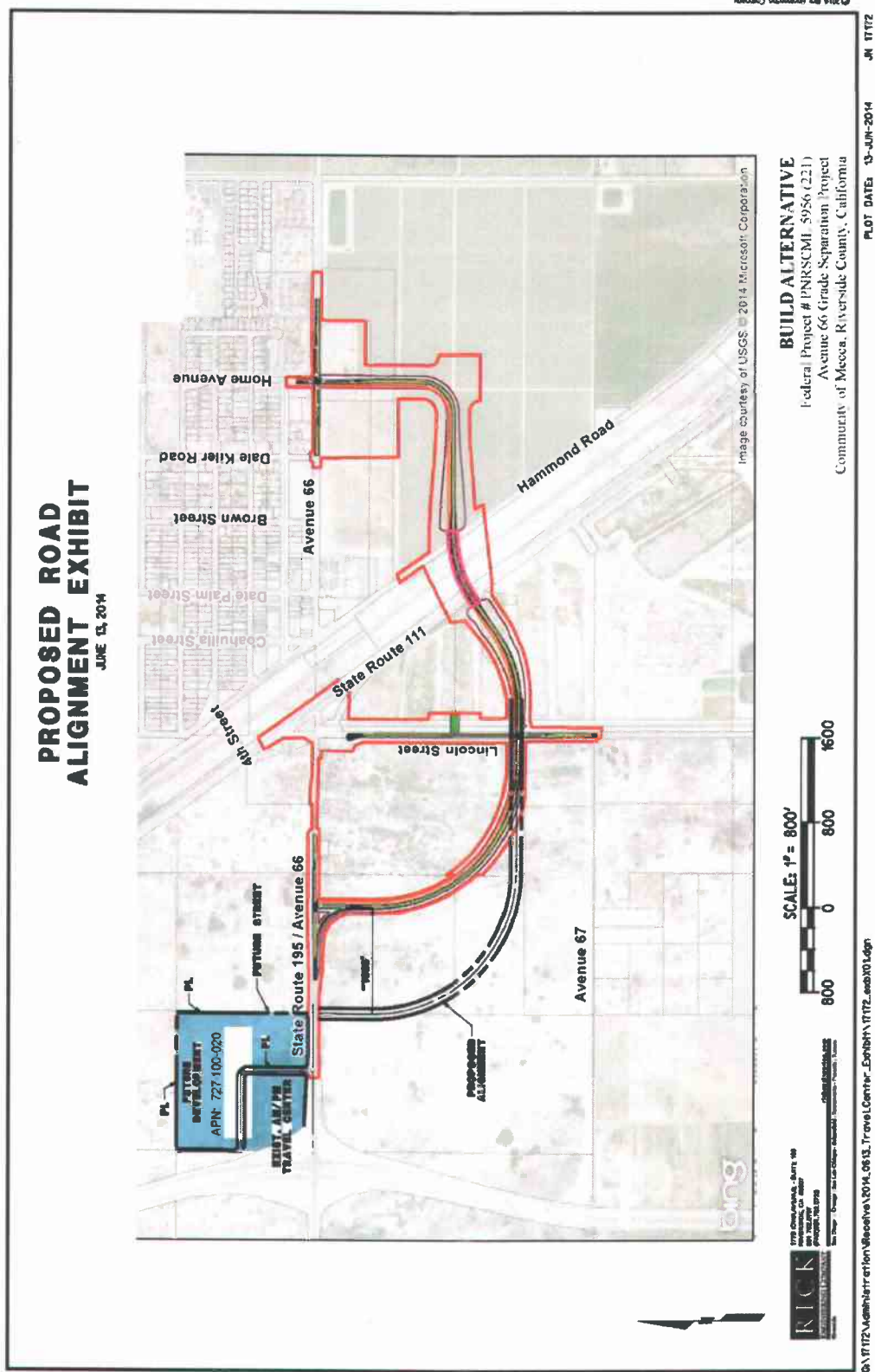
For our records, please reply to this email as confirmation of receipt.

Thank you,

Mark T. Deveau
Vice President

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Response 6:

Due to feedback received during the public circulation of the Draft Initial Study, the proposed project was modified to intersect farther west on State Route 195-Avenue 66. As a result of the change, the County circulated a Revised Draft Initial Study to discuss the anticipated environmental effects of the revised proposed Build Alternative.

The Build Alternative has been modified to begin approximately 1,100 feet east of SR-86 (approximately 2,600 feet west of Lincoln Street). The Build Alternative travels south of Avenue 66/SR-195 and crosses Lincoln Street. East of Lincoln Street, the Build Alternative and the original alternative were identical.

Technical studies for the project have been revised to reflect the revised project area.