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Attention: Olufemi Odufalu

SUBJECT: Project Level Conformity Determination for the I-15/Limonite Ave. Interchange Project  
(OE150)

Dear Mr. Bulinski:

On November 2, 2015, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) a complete request for a project level conformity determination for the I-15/Limonite Ave. Interchange Project. The project is in an area that is designated Non-Attainment or Maintenance for CO, Ozone and Particulate Matter (PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>).

The project level conformity analysis submitted by Caltrans indicates that the project-level transportation conformity requirements of 40 CFR Part 93 have been met. The project is included in the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) current Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as amended. The design concept and scope of the preferred alternative have not changed significantly from those assumed in the regional emissions analysis.

As required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123, the localized PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> analyses are included in the documentation. The analyses demonstrate that the project will not create any new violations of the standards or increase the severity or number of existing violations.

Based on the information provided, FHWA finds that the I-15/Limonite Ave. Interchange Project conforms with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with 40 CFR Part 93.

If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding, please contact Joseph Vaughn at (916) 498-5346 or by email at [Joseph.Vaughn@dot.gov](mailto:Joseph.Vaughn@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

For: Vincent P. Mammano  
Division Administrator

**Appendix F – Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat  
Conservation Plan Consistency Determination**

**From:** [Myrick, Kyle K@DOT](mailto:Myrick.Kyle.K@DOT)  
**To:** [Hughes, Candice M@DOT](mailto:Hughes.Candice.M@DOT)  
**Subject:** RE: OE150 Limonite Project Report Review  
**Date:** Monday, August 31, 2015 3:48:36 PM

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**Candice,**

**Here is the email string with the consistency determinations**

**From:** Taylor, John [mailto:john\_m\_taylor@fws.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2014 6:20 PM  
**To:** Myrick, Kyle K@DOT  
**Cc:** Gibson, Joanna@Wildlife; Quinnell, Scott F@DOT; Pert, Heather@Wildlife  
**Subject:** Re: Limonite Ave (EA OE150) NES (FWS-WRIV-14B0283-14CPA0223)

Scott and Kyle,

Thank you for your continued coordination on the Interstate 15/Limonite Ave Interchange Project (Project). Per Permit issued for the western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP), permittees are required to perform surveys for the Delhi Sands Flower-loving fly (DSF) in areas containing USGS mapped Delhi Sands within the plan area (Permit Condition #11). Within the Project area, Delhi Soils occur within two discreet areas, the Interstate 15 corridor and the Limonite Avenue corridor. Based on GIS soil data obtained from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (2008), interpretation of aerial photos, and the Project impact area delineated within the Natural Environmental Study Minimal Impacts (NESMI) report, the Project will result in impacts to approximately 2.69 acres of Delhi soils along the I-15 corridor and 0.44 acres of impacts to Delhi soils along the Limonite Avenue corridor, for a total of 3.13 acres impacted.

The Interstate 15 corridor contains Delhi Fine Sands adjacent to both northbound and southbound lanes, with 0.23-acres and 2.46-acres distributed within the area respectively. The area mapped as Delhi soils adjacent to the southbound Interstate 15 is occupied by a large berm. The berm appears to be an engineered structure and we expect that is a compacted amalgam of local soils. We therefore do not consider the area mapped as Delhi soils within the southbound to be suitable DSF habitat. Delhi soils on the opposing side of Interstate 15, adjacent to northbound Interstate 15 lanes, total 0.23-acres. Delhi soil in this portion of the Project area exhibit irregular distribution and occur within a narrow strip between right-of-way fencing and the paved Interstate 15 shoulder. The first few feet of unconsolidated material, adjacent to the paved shoulder is utilized for vehicular emergency purposes. We do not expect this narrow limited area to support the Delhi fly.

The remaining Delhi soils distribution within the Project area occurs along the northern boundary of Limonite Avenue. Beginning near the terminus of Pats Ranch Road at Limonite Avenue and extending westwards towards the Park and Ride, this narrow strip of Delhi soils contains an irrigation ditch, utility poles, and a mixture of ruderal and native vegetation. Due to the narrow distribution of soils on site and existing conditions we do not expect this area to support DSF. Because the Delhi soils on site are not expected to support the DSF, in this instance we will not object if Caltrans does not conduct DSF occupancy surveys for this Project.

Therefore, based on (1) the revised NESMI, received April 21, 2014, (2) discussions between the Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Caltrans, (3) this analysis, and (4) the inclusion of the updated Conservation Measures (Bio-1 & Bio-4 referenced in your July 14, 2014 email below) into the final environmental document being prepared; the Service hereby provides our concurrence that the Project as proposed is consistent with the requirements of the MSHCP. Thank you for your coordination on this project. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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On Mon, Jul 14, 2014 at 7:11 AM, Myrick, Kyle K@DOT <[kyle.myrick@dot.ca.gov](mailto:kyle.myrick@dot.ca.gov)> wrote:  
Joanna,

Thank you for your comments regarding this project. The NES has already been finalized for this project and I won't be able to get your comments incorporated into the document. However, the environmental document is being prepared and I will make sure your recommendations get incorporated into the document.

Thank you,

Kyle Myrick,  
Environmental Planner, Biologist  
Biological Studies and Permits Branch  
District 8/Riverside and San Bernardino Counties  
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**From:** Gibson, Joanna@Wildlife  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 26, 2014 7:31 AM  
**To:** Myrick, Kyle K@DOT; Quinnell, Scott F@DOT  
**Cc:** Pert, Heather@Wildlife; Taylor, John  
**Subject:** RE: Limonite Ave (EA 0E150) NES

Kyle and Scott,

My apologies for the delay in getting this email to you. The Department has the following addition comments pertaining to BIO-1 and BIO-4:

Regarding BIO-1: Please note that the Department does not recommend the exclusion of owls using

passive relocation unless there are suitable burrows available within 100 meters of the closed burrows (Trulio 1995, CDFG 2012) and the relocation area is protected through a long-term conservation mechanism (e.g., conservation easement). We recommend that the Lead Agency notify the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and the Department if owls are found to be present onsite and develop a conservation strategy in cooperation with the Service, the Department, and the Regional Conservation Authority in accordance with the Department's *Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation* (CDFG 2012).

Regarding BIO-4: Please note that it is the Lead Agency's responsibility to comply with all applicable laws related to nesting birds and birds of prey. Migratory non-game native bird species are protected by international treaty under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) of 1918, as amended (16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*). In addition, sections 3503, 3503.5, and 3513 of the California Fish and Game Code (FGC) prohibit the take of all birds and their nests. Section 3503 states that it is unlawful to take, possess, or needlessly destroy the nest or eggs of any bird, except as otherwise provided by FGC or any regulation made pursuant thereto; Section 3503.5 states that it is unlawful to take, possess, or destroy any birds in the orders Falconiformes or Strigiformes (birds-of-prey) or to take, possess, or destroy the nest or eggs of any such bird except as otherwise provided by FGC or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto; and Section 3513 states that it is unlawful to take or possess any migratory nongame bird as designated in the MBTA or any part of such migratory nongame bird except as provided by rules and regulations adopted by the Secretary of the Interior under provisions of the MBTA.

The Department encourages the Lead Agency to complete nesting bird surveys regardless of time of year to ensure compliance with all applicable laws related to nesting birds and birds of prey.

BIO-4 does not specify when pre-construction nesting bird surveys will occur in relation to commencement of project activities. The Department recommends that pre-construction surveys be required no more than three (3) days prior to vegetation clearing or ground disturbance activities, as instances of nesting could be missed if surveys are conducted sooner. As mentioned previously, it is the Lead Agency's responsibility to ensure that the project complies with all applicable laws related to nesting birds and birds of prey, and that violations of these laws do not occur.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

*Joanna Gibson*

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 7:28 PM  
**To:** Myrick, Kyle K@DOT; Quinnell, Scott F@DOT  
**Cc:** Pert, Heather@Wildlife; Gibson, Joanna@Wildlife  
**Subject:** Limonite Ave (EA 0E150) NES

Kyle and Scott,

Thank you for the submittal of the revised Interstate 15/Limonite Interchange Improvements Project Natural Environmental Studies Minimal Impacts (NESMI) report. I noted one item within the NESMI as submitted which I would like to discuss further. This would be regarding the mapped Delhi soils within the project impact area and an Appendix C (Regional Species and Habitats for Concern) Delhi Sands Fly (DSF) entry which states:

*Delhi sands are mapped for the BSA, however these soils occur in areas that have been manipulated for many years by agricultural and disking practices. Although there are only a few scattered host plants present in the BSA, the BSA does not occur within the MSHCP survey area for the DSF. Thus, this species would not constrain the project.*

Would you be available to speak via phone or in person to discuss this matter?

Thank you,

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Thank you,

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**From:** Hughes, Candice M@DOT  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2015 12:42 PM  
**To:** Myrick, Kyle K@DOT  
**Subject:** RE: 0E150 Limonite Project Report Review

Thank you.

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**From:** Myrick, Kyle K@DOT  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2015 12:35 PM  
**To:** Hughes, Candice M@DOT  
**Subject:** OE150 Limonite Project Report Review

Candice,

I have reviewed the project report and have no comments.

Thank you,

Kyle Myrick,  
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**Subject:** FW: Limonite Ave (EA 0E150) NES (FWS-WRIV-14B0283-14CPA0223)

Brian,

See MSHCP consistency from CDFW below and can you make the single change to BIO-4 that Joanna has requested.

Thank you,

Kyle Myrick,  
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**From:** Gibson, Joanna@Wildlife  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 2:44 PM  
**To:** Myrick, Kyle K@DOT  
**Cc:** Pert, Heather@Wildlife  
**Subject:** RE: Limonite Ave (EA 0E150) NES (FWS-WRIV-14B0283-14CPA0223)

Kyle,

Thank you for addressing this request. Based on the changes made to Mitigation Measures BIO-1 and BIO4, and the additional change noted below to the Timing/Phasing for BIO-4, CDFW hereby provides concurrence that the Project as proposed is consistent with the requirements of the MSHCP.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,  
Joanna

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## **Appendix G – Public Notices**

# PEOPLE

## TODAY'S CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Address **Glenn DeHaven** is 90  
Country singer **Tommy Joe White** is 72  
Address **Belinda Montgomery** (Doozie  
Houser, M3) is 65  
Actor **Woody Harrison** is 54

Actor **Erig La Salle** (ER) is 53  
Guitarist **Slash** of Velvet Revolver (and Guns  
N' Roses) is 50  
Singer **Allison Krauss** is 44  
Actor-comedian **Marlon Wayans** (The

Wayans Brothers) is 43  
Country singer **Shannon Brown** is 42  
Singer **Michelle Williams** (Jesse's  
Child) is 35  
Actor **Paul Wesley** (The Vampire

Diaries) is 33  
Actor **Daedre Radcliffe** is 26  
Birthdays of the past  
1918 "Pee Wee" Reese, Hall of Fame  
shortstop for Dodgers, died 1999

## CELEBRITY WATCH

### Brown's departure from Philippines delayed over fraud allegation

Grammy Award-winning singer **Chris Brown's** departure from Manila, Philippines, was delayed Wednesday because of fraud allegations against him and his promoter for a canceled concert.

His last New Year's Eve in the Philippines. The singer, who performed at a packed concert Tuesday night in Manila, was prevented from leaving on a private plane Wednesday pending clearance by the Bureau of Immigration.

"It was a misunderstanding that has since been cleared up," said a spokeswoman for Brown, Nicole Perez. "Chris leaves tomorrow for Hong Kong to work on his planned performances."

Philippines Bureau of Immigration spokeswoman Elaine Tan said Brown and his promoter, John Michael Pro Roco, were placed on the bureau's "lookout list" for the instructions of the Department of Justice. Brown had a concert scheduled for Wednesday night in Hong Kong, but calls to the venue were not



**JORDAN STRAUSS/JORDAN STRAUSS/IMMAGINATION/AP**  
Madonna says she's like Picasso in that life has continued to inspire her. "Life inspired him, so he had to keep expressing himself, and that's how I feel," she said.

### Madonna pictures Picasso-like longevity

Madonna thinks artists drop out, their careers should stop if they don't have anything more to say. But at 56, the singer says she still has things to talk about, and in short, she feels like **Pablo Picasso**.

"I like to compare myself to other kinds of artists like Picasso. He kept painting, and painting until the day he died. Why? Because I guess he felt inspired to do

so," she said. "Life inspired him, so he had to keep expressing himself, and that's how I feel."  
Madonna released her solo debut album in 1982, and her latest album, "Rebel Heart," earlier this year. The pop icon will launch her Rebel Heart Tour on Sept. 9 in Montreal. The tour includes more than 60 shows across North America, Europe, Australia and Asia.

### Cheadle's Miles Davis biopic to premiere

**Don Cheadle's Miles Davis**



**Cheadle**

via biopic, "Miles Ahead," will make its world premiere as the closing-night film at the New York Film Festival.  
The Film Society of Lincoln Center announced the selection Wednesday. The film has been a longtime passion project for Cheadle, who stars as the jazz musician and directs. For the first time, the festival runs Sept. 28-Oct. 11.

### Flavor Flav charged with DUI

Happer **Flavor Flav** has been charged with DUI and other counts after being arrested in May near the Las Vegas airport.  
Clark County prosecutors charged the reality television star in July 2014 with driving under the influence involving cocaine, speeding and having an open container of alcohol.

### Case against Anna Nicole Smith lawyer tossed

A judge on Wednesday



**AP FILE PHOTO**  
Miles Davis, shown in Israel in 1967, is the subject of a biopic, "Miles Ahead," directed by actor Don Cheadle.

dismissed two felony conspiracy convictions against **Anna Nicole Smith's** lawyer-husband, ruling it would be unfair to prolong the 6-year-old case involving prescription drugs provided to Smith.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Robert J. Perry cited numerous problems with the case against **Howard K. Stern** that centered on his role in obtaining prescription drugs for Smith before the Playboy model and reality TV star died of an accidental overdose in 2007.



**Smith**

In 2010, a jury convicted Stern, 46, of the two conspiracy counts, but acquitted him of all other charges of conspiracy, excessive prescribing of opiates and sedatives to an addict, and fraudulently obtaining drugs by using false names. The case has been the subject of years of appeals.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Announcement of Public Meeting for Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Improvements Project

**WHAT'S BEING PLANNED:** The County of Riverside in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of Riverside and Inglewood Valley, proposes to improve the existing freeway interchange at Interstate 15 and Limonite Avenue. Located on the corner of Riverside and Inglewood Valley in Riverside County, California, this project involves widening the existing freeway, widening the existing overpass and adding a new overpass to the freeway. Specifically, the project would include the existing overpass and adding a new overpass to the freeway. The project would include the existing overpass and adding a new overpass to the freeway. The project would include the existing overpass and adding a new overpass to the freeway.

**WHY THIS MATTERS:** The Department has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains the effects of the project is called an Initial Study (IS). The report is a study of the project of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and an Initial Study (IS) for you to view.

**WHEN IT'S AVAILABLE:** The proposed MND and IS and other project information is available at the Riverside County Transportation Department, located at 3500 15th Street, Riverside, CA 92503, on August 20, 2015, to August 19, 2015. Copies are also available for review at the County of Public Works, 1540 15th St., Riverside, CA 92503, and at the County of Riverside, 1540 15th Street, Pomona, CA 92567. The documents will also be available at the following website: [www.riversideca.gov](http://www.riversideca.gov).

**WHERE YOU CAN VIEW IT:** The public meeting will be held on August 6, 2015, at 6:00 PM at the Riverside County Transportation Department, located at 3500 15th Street, Riverside, CA 92503.

**WHEN AND WHERE:** The public meeting will be held on August 6, 2015, at 6:00 PM at the Riverside County Transportation Department, located at 3500 15th Street, Riverside, CA 92503.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Please call the Riverside County Transportation Department at (951) 952-5555 or visit the website at [www.riversideca.gov](http://www.riversideca.gov).

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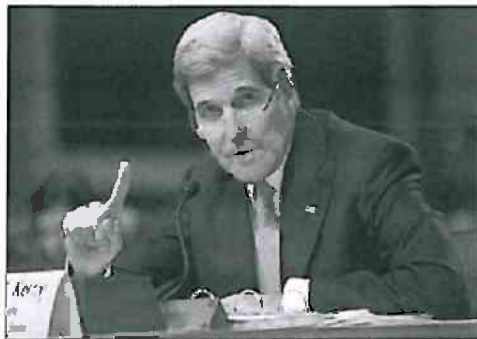
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Secretary of State John Kerry testifies before a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington on Thursday to review the Iran nuclear agreement.

# KERRY CALLS TALK OF A BETTER IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL A 'FANTASY'

BY DAVID LEPP AND DEN RICHMAN THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Countering Republican criticism, Secretary of State John Kerry declared Thursday it is "fantasy plain and simple" to claim that President Barack Obama failed to insist on enough restrictions on Iran's nuclear program before agreeing to lift economic sanctions long in place.

"So what's your plan? ... Totally go to war?" he challenged lawmakers who want to torpedo the deal. Republicans were impetuous at an occasionally contentious Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing that marked the opening of a new phase in the administration's drive to prevent Congress from undermining the accord.

"You guys have been bamboozled," said Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho, complaining that the agreement wouldn't permit neutral

testing at Iran's Fordium military complex to guard against cheating.

The deal reached earlier this month will take effect unless Congress blocks it. Republicans in control of the House and Senate hope to do that by passing legislation in September to prevent Obama from lifting sanctions that lawmakers put in place over several years.

Obama, who met at the White House during the day with a group of House Democrats, has promised to veto any such bill. That would lead to a vote to override his veto, and the administration is searching for 34 votes in the Senate or 46 in the House to assure a veto would stick.

Democrats and allied independents control 46 seats in the Senate, and so for Sens. Dick Durbin of Ill.

Illinois, Dianne Feinstein of California and Martin Heinrich of New Mexico have announced support for the plan. In the House, Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi has expressed optimism that a vote can be upheld.

The hearing unfolded as House Speaker John Boehner hinted at additional steps to stop the deal beyond the legislation, which is expected to be voted on after lawmakers return from an August vacation.

Given the political calculus, the Senate hearing wasn't so much an attempt by Kerry to persuade Republicans to support the plan as it was an opportunity to reassure Democrats.

At its heart, the agreement calls for the United States and other world powers to end economic and military sanctions in

exchange for concessions from Iran in its nuclear program. Tehran says its program is strictly peaceful, but the U.S. and most other nations believe it is aimed at acquiring nuclear weapons on top of bringing it to the negotiating table.

Across more than four hours in the witness chair, Kerry sought repeatedly to blunt one of the Republican core objections that Obama settled for a less favorable deal than he could have gotten had he insisted on more.

"The alternative to the deal we've reached isn't what we're seeing us do on TV," he said, referring to commercials backed by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, which strongly opposed the deal.

"It isn't a better deal, some sort of unenviable arrangement involving Iran's complete capitulation. That's a fantasy, plain and simple."

# 3 DIE IN SHOOTING AT MOVIE THEATER, INCLUDING GUNMAN

Some 100 are at a screening when the attacker opens fire. At least 7 are hurt.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAFAYETTE, La. — A gunman opened fire at a movie theater in Louisiana on Thursday evening, killing two people and injuring at least seven others before fatally shooting himself, officials said.

The gunman, a 58-year-old "lean white male," fired his weapon "manicously" times before shooting himself at the Grand Theatre in Lafayette, city police Chief Jim Craft told a news conference.

Craft said police know the gunman's identity but are not releasing it. He said the shooter's body was still inside the theater and that a corpse was on the scene.

But he said the shooting happened about six days before she and her fiancé ran to the nearest exit, leaving behind her shoes and purse.



Gov. Bobby Jindal speaks to the media after a deadly shooting at the Grand Theatre in Lafayette, La., on Thursday.

Some 100 are at a screening when the attacker opens fire. At least 7 are hurt.

There were about 100 people in the theater at the time of the shooting. Sgt. Brooks David of the Louisiana State Police told CNN Lafayette is about 66 miles west of Baton Rouge.

The shooting happened about 20 minutes into a 7 p.m. showing of the movie "Trainwreck." The Louisiana Advertiser quoted theatergoer Katie Domingue as saying:

"We heard a loud pop we thought was a firecracker," Domingue told the newspaper. Domingue said she saw "an older white man" standing up and shooting down into the theater, but not in her direction.

"He wasn't saying anything. I didn't hear anybody screaming either," Domingue said.

Domingue told the newspaper she heard about six shots before she and her fiancé ran to the nearest exit, leaving behind her shoes and purse.

# TURKISH FORCE ATTACKS ISLAMIC STATE

BY HELENE COOPER AND CEVLAN YESINSU THE NEW YORK TIMES

AMMAN, Jordan — Turkey plunged into the fight against the Islamic State on Thursday, rushing forces into the first direct combat with its militants on the Syrian border and granting permission for U.S. warplanes to use two Turkish bases for operations against the group in Syria.

The developments end a decade of inaction by Turkey, a NATO member and ally of the United States, to play a more aggressive part in halting the Islamic State's expanding reach. U.S. officials said it en-

riched the potential to strike Islamic State targets with far greater effect because of Turkey's proximity, which will allow more bombings and surveillance missions.

Up to now, Turkey has placed a priority on dealing with its restive Kurdish population, which straddles the Syrian border in the southeast, and on the toppling of Syria's president, Bashar Assad, whom the Turks blame for creating the conditions in his war-ravaged country for the rise of Islamic extremism.

But now that extremism has overwhelmingly dominated Turkey, where 15 million Syrians were re-

gions have been straining the country.

Turkish officials had signaled their growing concern about the Islamic State, with a series of large-scale raids in the past few weeks. Taking the fight to the Islamic State in Syria, however, represents a huge leap.

In what Turkish officials described as the first direct cross-border confrontation with the Islamic State, Turkish fighter jets scrambled tanks and artillery of its 6th Armored Brigade shelled militants across the border. And early today, Turkish jets hit Islamic State targets within Syria without crossing the border.

## BRIEFLY

### CRIMINAL INQUIRY SOUGHT IN CLINTON EMAILS

Two inspectors general have asked the Justice Department to open a criminal investigation into whether Hillary Rodham Clinton mishandled sensitive government information on a private email account she used as secretary of state, senior government officials said Thursday.

The request follows an assessment in a June 29 memo by the inspectors general for the State Department and the intelligence agencies that Clinton's private account contained "hundreds of potentially classified emails."

The memo was written

to Patrick F. Kennedy, the undersecretary of state for management.

It is not clear if any of the information in the emails was marked as classified by the State Department when Clinton sent or received them.

### Autopsy rules out jail homicide

The autopsy of a woman who was found dead in a Texas jail revealed no injuries that would suggest she

was killed by someone else, authorities said Thursday.

Waller County prosecutor Warron Duprahn said the autopsy showed that 26-year-old Sandra Bland had no defensive injuries on her hands that would typically indicate a struggle.

Bland was arrested in a traffic stop three days before she was found hanging in her jail cell on July 3.

Her family and friends dispute the official finding that she killed herself. Texas lawyers and the FBI are investigating.

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### Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Improvements Project

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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**WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT:** The Department has studied the effects that this project may have on the environment. Studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report also explains the effects of the project on the environment. The report also explains the effects of the project on the environment.

**WHAT'S AVAILABLE:** The proposed MND and NEPA report and declaration are available for review at the Riverside County Department of Planning and Economic Development, 1000 E. Main Street, Room 100, Hemet, California 94301. Copies are also available for review at the Riverside County Department of Planning and Economic Development, 1000 E. Main Street, Room 100, Corona, California 92626. The documents are also available at the following website: [www.riversidecounty.net](http://www.riversidecounty.net).

**WHERE YOU CAN BE HEARD:** Do you have any comments about preparing the project report to MND and the NEPA declaration with the findings of the studies as a basis for the proposed MND? You will have an opportunity to make your comments at the project meeting. The project meeting will be held on August 6, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Riverside County Department of Planning and Economic Development, 1000 E. Main Street, Room 100, Hemet, California 94301. The project meeting will be held on August 6, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Riverside County Department of Planning and Economic Development, 1000 E. Main Street, Room 100, Corona, California 92626.

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2ND CONVICTION IN SLAYING OF TEEN

HEMET - A jury found a second defendant guilty Friday of murder in the 2003 slaying of Eric Sargeant Jr. during an attempted robbery for his colleague.

Because he was juvenile at the time of the crime in 2003, defendant Francisco Alencio Sordani, 19, of Hemet is not eligible for the death penalty.

He was found guilty in the slaying of Eric Sargeant Jr., 16, in commission of an attempted robbery for his role to aid and abet the killing. He faces 25 years to life in prison when he is sentenced in September at the Southern Justice Center.

Co-defendant Francisco Itoy Zavala Jr., 22, was convicted of murder in commission of an attempted robbery earlier this week and faces a possible life term beginning Tuesday, during which a jury will recommend the death penalty or life in prison without parole.

On Jan. 14, 2003, Zavala wanted a cellphone out of Sordani to buy beer, accompanied by Sordani and defendant Joseph Venegas, now 27. They set out to rob Sordani, and found their victim walking after school on Whittier Avenue in East Hemet, according to trial testimony. The three chased and punched the victim and Zavala inflicted multiple stab wounds.

Venegas pleaded guilty to a lesser charge and received a lighter sentence in exchange for his testimony.

—Gail Wesson

PERRIS MAN DIES IN HEAD-ON CRASH

A driver killed in a collision in Victorville was identified Friday by the San Bernardino County Coroner's Office as Christopher Sosa, 19, of Perris.

The crash happened about 4:15 p.m. Thursday on Palmdale Road at Caball Road.

Sheriff's investigators determined that Sosa was driving a 1998 Volkswagen sedan east on Palmdale and lost control for unknown reasons. The car veered into the westbound lanes and collided head-on with a tractor-trailer. Sosa was pronounced dead at the scene.

—Brian Robles

HARD-TO-ACCESS FIRE CHARS 200 ACRES

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN - U.S. Forest Service firefighters are attacking a brush fire estimated at 200 acres on Palomar Mountain, near High Road Road in northern San Diego County, officials said.

The fire dubbed the Cut-off fire, started sometime before 7 a.m. Friday in steep terrain near High Road Road, U.S. Forest Service dispatcher Matt Lyons said. The flames had a moderate rate of spread.

No structures were im-



STANLIM FILE PHOTO

Two defendants were convicted of murder this week in the slaying of Eric Sargeant Jr. in 2003.

mediately threatened. LaVoire said firefighters were in the area but didn't have time to get to the fire-burning south of Aguanga because there are no roads or entry points to where it was burning.

Aircraft were making water drops and delivering hand crews to the area, the Cleveland National Forest said in a Twitter message.

U.S. Forest Service firefighters were being assisted by officials from Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department, Cal Fire spokesman John Hagemann said.

—Alta Gracia and Brian Robles

POLICE TAKE NEW LOOK AT PROSTITUTE'S DEATH

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY - Las Vegas police are taking a new look at the death of a prostitute, whose body was found in San Bernardino County in 2004 after another prostitute on July 18 shot and killed a man who had been a suspect in the killings of several women.

John Marie Brewer, 19, disappeared from Las Vegas in August 2008. Three weeks later, her dismembered remains were found along a highway in San Bernardino County.

Neal Parks, the man shot to death by a prostitute in West Virginia who is being investigated in connection with unsolved cases in Nevada that may include the deaths and dismemberment of several women, the Huffington Post reported.

Las Vegas police spokesman Michael Rodriguez said Friday that homicide detectives are in contact with their counterparts in Charleston, W.Va.

—Brian Robles

MAN ARRESTED AFTER TWO-CITY CHASE

SOUTHWEST RIVERSIDE COUNTY - Riverside County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 45-year-old man after he led them on a chase across two cities, authorities said.

Michael Perkins of San Diego was arrested on suspicion of evading police, possessing a controlled substance and taking a vehicle without the owner's consent on Thursday.

He was booked into Southwest Detention Center in lieu of \$10,000 bail, online jail records show.

The Temecula Police Department tried to pull over the vehicle Perkins was

driving in the area of Diaz and Winchester roads, according to a Riverside County Sheriff's Department news release.

Perkins did not stop, but instead led deputies on a chase through the north end of Temecula and into Murietta, according to the release.

The release said he stopped at Clinton, Keith Road and Watwood Avenue, where he ran into a heavily wooded area.

Murietta police officers and Riverside County sheriff's deputies soon found Perkins and arrested him without incident, according to the release.

—Alta Gracia

2 HELD, METH SEIZED

RIVERSIDE - An afternoon drug bust led to the seizure of 54 pounds of methamphetamine and two arrests in Riverside, say city police.

The haul happened at 120 p.m. Thursday near Spence Street and Watkins Drive.

The incident began with a stop for a traffic violation, according to police officials. Inside the car was a cooler containing the packaged meth, which officials estimate had a street value of roughly \$200,000.

The names of those arrested were not released.

—Richard Brook

WOMAN DIES IN FIRE

REDLANDS - A fire at a hairless crematorium in Redlands fatally burned a 50-year-old Redlands woman, an official said.

The fire sparked shortly before 2:54 a.m. Sunday in the Santa Ana River bed near Church Street, said Redlands police spokesman Paul Baker.

When firefighters arrived, they found a small, one-compartment blaze and a woman nearby with "severe burns on much of her body," Baker said in an unredacted statement. The fire was quickly put out.

A helicopter crew took her to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton, where she died that night, Baker said.

The woman was identified as Sherry Ann Colley. Anyone with information was asked to call the police department at 909-798-7683.

—Peter Surovski

HOUSE FIRE DISPLACES 6

MORENO VALLEY - An afternoon house fire displaced a child and five adults in Moreno Valley on Thursday.

The blaze was reported at 8:52 p.m. in the city of a 2,000-sq-ft home along Thoroughbred Lane in a housing tract along Iris Avenue, just north of Lake Perris.

No other structures were damaged and no injuries were reported, the city said.

—Peter Surovski

Pursuit along 91 ends with 2 detained

The chase lasted several hours, from Corona into Orange County, then on foot.

BY ALMA FAUSTO STAFF WRITER

A police pursuit that started on Highway 91 in Corona ended in Orange County with Anaheim police officers detaining two suspects who had crashed the vehicle, fled on foot and eluded authorities for hours.

The pursuit started in Corona and California Highway Patrol officers were called to assist when the car entered Orange County about 1 p.m., according to CHP Officer John Lotoquin.

Lotoquin said the car ran off the road on the 91 between Lakewood Avenue and Imperial Highway in Anaheim and two miles from the car Lotoquin said the males made it across a ravine before taking to surface streets.

Anahim police officers, who helped with the search, described one of the suspects as being dressed in all black in the area of La Paloma Avenue between Redlog Drive and Imperial Highway.

They were found around 5:30 p.m. They were not immediately identified but were going to be turned over to Corona authorities, said Lt. Eric Trapp of the Anaheim Police Department.

No injuries were reported as a result of the incident.

—Peter Surovski

FIRE DAMAGES HOME

MORENO VALLEY - A fire in a kitchen damaged a Moreno Valley home, rendering the place uninhabitable, fire officials said.

The fire broke out about 1:37 p.m. in a home in the 24000 block of Poppystone Drive, said Cal Fire spokeswoman Jody Hagemann in a news release.

When firefighters arrived, they saw smoke coming from the home. All the occupants had evacuated, and they quickly put the fire out. Damage was reported. The fire was contained to the kitchen, and the American Red Cross was helping the residents.

—Peter Surovski

SUSPECT IN MULTIPLE THEFTS ARRESTED

RIVERSIDE - A man who police believe committed numerous thefts at stores in Riverside has been arrested.

Ronnie Campbell, 25, was booked into the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning on suspicion of robbery, possession of a dangerous weapon and violating probation, jail logs show that was set at \$50,000.

He walked into Home Depot on Indiana Avenue near Madison Street in Riverside about 4 p.m. Wednesday and stole jeans, police said in a news release. A security guard caught him and tried to detain him, but he fought.

The security guard was able to hold the man until officers arrived, police said. Although with information he is asked to call Detective Ron Knottish at 951-826-8778 or email him at rtknottish@rivcso.net.

—Peter Surovski

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Announcement of Public Meeting



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED: The County of Riverside (County) in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Department) and the cities of Redlands and Corona will improve the existing highway interchange at Interstate 15 and Lincoln Avenue located within the City of Redlands and the City of Corona, Kern County, California. The proposed project would include the following: widening and adding lanes to the roadway; installing Lane-Change Lanes; installing Lane-Change Lanes; installing and widening the roadway; and installing a new interchange structure.

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Inmate who died in Indio jail ID'd

Andrew Salvador Malanche is the ninth to die in Riverside County since Jan. 1.

BY BRIAN ROBLES STAFF WRITER

An inmate who died at the Riverside County jail in Indio was identified Friday by the Riverside County Coroner's Office as Andrew Salvador Malanche, 48.

Malanche died Tuesday. The cause of his death has not been announced.

He was the third inmate to die in a Riverside County jail in the past couple of weeks, and the ninth inmate in the county to die since Jan. 1.

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En el centro Rebeca Vargas, directora ejecutiva de US-Mexico Foundation y José Manuel Romero Coello, director del Instituto Mexicano de la Juventud cuando daban la bienvenida a los jóvenes 'dreamers' en México.

# SOÑADORES MEXICANOS VIAJARON A MÉXICO

### UN GRUPO DE 22 JÓVENES FUERON SELECCIONADOS POR LOS CONSULADOS PARA IR AL DIS TRITO FEDERAL

**OLGA ROJAS**  
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Yolanda Guerrero Domínguez, de 20 años, es un estudiante DACA (Programa de Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia) que fue seleccionado por el Consulado de México en San Bernardino para asistir, junto con un grupo de 22 miembros mexicanos (trece niñas y nueve chicos) a un taller de actividades académicas, culturales y de recreación en México.

"Fui a apoyar de nuestra ciudad a este grupo de jóvenes que son de los Estados Unidos, pero que en México son considerados como 'dreamers'", dijo.

Los 22 soñadores como Guerrero representaron a varios condados de Califor-

nia, al igual que otros partes del país. El viaje fue patrocinado por la Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores (SRE) y la Fundación México Estados Unidos (USMEI), por su sigla en inglés.

Hay día, Guerrero es estudiante de ingeniería mecánica en Moreno Valley Community College.

Explicó que con DACA se puede obtener un permiso para viajar fuera del país por ciertos motivos si el familiar está grave, por trauma o si va a un juicio.

Reató que le llegó una carta del Servicio de Inmigración e Inspección de los Estados Unidos (ICE), por su sigla en inglés que le daba ese permiso.

"En México, platónicos sobre qué podemos hacer como inmigrantes y se nos hablaba de 'dreamers', re- tornando a México. Además de como trabajador el gobierno, nos dijeron que nuestro país es más fuerte de lo que es, pero a la vez esto me dio un contrato con los testimonios de otros dreamers", dijo.

Guerrero mencionó los nombres de Nancy y Patricia, quienes regresaron a México porque sus padres

habían sido deportados.

"Fue muy difícil para ellos, esperaba que las reuniones con los abogados fueran para validar sus estu- dios, pero cuando dos años antes se reintegraron a la fuerza laboral en México es muy difícil".

Otro de los aspectos que esas jóvenes platicaron fue la documentación, porque la mayoría consultó un se- rvidor. Guerrero dijo que los estudiantes deben empezar por obtener el alta de nacimiento y el acta de nacimiento, tarjeta de elector.

También mencionó que los certificados de la preparatoria tienen que ser traducidos y apostillados por un abogado.

Pero Guerrero además compartió detalles más personales de su visita a México, por ejemplo, cuando estaba en la habitación de un hotel, se quedó con una tía hermana de su mamá. Allí unos tíos parientes fueron donde ella se a sus tías.

"Fue una experiencia muy interesante con la familia. Las primeras dos horas estaba muy calladita, avergonzando qué era yo. Me sentí muy triste y estaba enojado porque ellos no pueden venir", mencionó.

### PROPÓSITO

Al tercer día de la visita, los estudiantes tuvieron la oportunidad de conocer varios sitios turísticos como la Basílica de Guadalupe, las ruinas antiguas que estaban muy cercas del Zócalo, entre otros.

USMEI invita a los socios de Internet que está comprometido con el fortalecimiento de la educación en México, como una clave para la transformación social más amplia y una sociedad más fuerte con ciudadanos comprometidos y líderes cívicos.

Un comunicado de prensa emitido por la SRE, informó que esta visita de los

22 jóvenes, es el segundo año consecutivo que se realiza.

El propósito es generar un conocimiento de primera mano de nuestro país entre la juventud mexicana, además de promover lazos de entendimiento, cooperación y solidaridad mediante el diálogo con diversos sectores de la sociedad mexicana de la academia, estudiantes, diseñadores, retos nómicos y autoridades vinculadas con la migración", indicó la SRE en el comunicado.

El grupo estuvo conformado por 16 mujeres y seis hombres, de entre 19 y 30 años de edad, originados de los Estados Unidos y México.

Los estudiantes viajaron en beneficio de la comunidad migrante en los Estados Unidos.

A nivel personal, Guerrero expresó que si quiere volver con su familia pero solo de vacaciones.


"Tengo una tía que aquí para quedarme. Ya vienen las elecciones y si el nuevo presidente de los Estados Unidos prohíbe DACA, México no está listo para recibir a los 'dreamers'".

Es bueno ser a México, pero sería muy difícil para mí regresar. Si fuera inglés sería muy beneficioso, pero me gustaría ser este idioma. Además, mi español no es como el de allá", dijo.

## AVISO PÚBLICO

**Aviso de Intención de Aceptar una Declaración Negativa Mitigada y Arriunco de Reunión Pública**

**Proyecto de Mejoramientos de Intercambio del Interoatal 15/Avenida Limonito**



**¿QUÉ SE ESTÁ PLANEADO?**

El Consejo de Planeación y el Departamento de Transportación de California (Caltrans) y el Condado de Riverside, en conjunto con el Estado de California, California, el Proyecto de Mejoramientos de Intercambio del Interoatal 15/Avenida Limonito, un proyecto de mejoramiento de infraestructura de transporte que incluye la ampliación de la Avenida Limonito y la construcción de un nuevo puente sobre el río San Jacinto. El proyecto también incluye la construcción de un nuevo puente sobre el río San Jacinto, la ampliación de la Avenida Limonito y la construcción de un nuevo puente sobre el río San Jacinto. El proyecto también incluye la construcción de un nuevo puente sobre el río San Jacinto, la ampliación de la Avenida Limonito y la construcción de un nuevo puente sobre el río San Jacinto.

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**¿QUÉ ESTÁ DISPONIBLE**

El Proyecto de Mejoramientos de Intercambio del Interoatal 15/Avenida Limonito, un proyecto de mejoramiento de infraestructura de transporte que incluye la ampliación de la Avenida Limonito y la construcción de un nuevo puente sobre el río San Jacinto. El proyecto también incluye la construcción de un nuevo puente sobre el río San Jacinto, la ampliación de la Avenida Limonito y la construcción de un nuevo puente sobre el río San Jacinto.

**¿DÓNDE ENTRA UN ESTADO**

El Proyecto de Mejoramientos de Intercambio del Interoatal 15/Avenida Limonito, un proyecto de mejoramiento de infraestructura de transporte que incluye la ampliación de la Avenida Limonito y la construcción de un nuevo puente sobre el río San Jacinto. El proyecto también incluye la construcción de un nuevo puente sobre el río San Jacinto, la ampliación de la Avenida Limonito y la construcción de un nuevo puente sobre el río San Jacinto.

**¿CUANDO Y DÓNDE**

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**ALQUILAJEROS PARA ESTADOUNIDENSES CON DISCAPACIDADES**

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## CALENDARIO COMUNITARIO

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### DENTISTA GRATIS

**UPLAND** - El domingo 26 de julio se estará promocionando, sin costo alguno, servicios dentales incluyendo refrenos, endodencias, extracciones de emergencia, tratamientos de dolor de muelas y la limpieza de las encías infectadas.

Esta actividad se realizará en California Dental Group, ubicada en 560 W. Foothill Blvd., Suite D entre Mountain y Euclid, de 9:00 am a 2:00 pm.

No se requiere cita y se atenderá por orden de llegada. Para más información visite el sitio de Internet [www.CADentalGroup.com](http://www.CADentalGroup.com)

### FERIA DE COMIDA

**RIVERSIDE** - El miércoles 29 de julio se estará realizando el evento "Nuestra Cultura Hispanica" donde se mostrarán las últimas tendencias y los nuevos productos de diferentes partes de México y Latinoamérica.

Esta actividad se llevará a cabo en 1550 Meridian Parkway Riverside, de 10:30 am a 2:00 pm. Para mayores detalles puede visitar el sitio de Internet [www.svsco-riverside.com](http://www.svsco-riverside.com). Doble clic puede llamar al (951) 691-5800.

### CONTRA EL FRAUDE

**MERRIS** - El jueves 30 de julio se estará realizando un desayuno donde se planea discutir sobre cómo protegerse de fraudes en las reparaciones de su hogar y cómo obtener ayuda en el programa de alimnatos

### CALIFASH

Esta actividad se llevará a cabo de 9:30 a 11:00 am en Peris Senior Center ubicado en 100 North D. St. Para mayor información puede llamar a las oficinas del asamblea José Medina al (951) 383-6624.

### FERIA DE CARRERA

**RIVERSIDE** - El Departamento del Alcaldía del Condado de Riverside tendrá una feria de carreras el sábado 25 de julio, en Riverside City College, ubicado en 4800 Magnolia Ave.

Esta actividad se realizará de 8:00 am a 4:00 pm. Recomendamos a los interesados confirmar su asistencia llamando al 1-888-566-7773. Para más información pueden visitar el sitio de Internet [www.rivrb5d.org](http://www.rivrb5d.org)

### PELÍCULAS GRATIS

**SAN BERNARDINO** - La Universidad Estatal de California en San Bernardino (UCSB) estará proyectando las películas de verano varias películas gratis, en el área situada al frente de la Biblioteca John M. Pflau.




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Para obtener más información sobre el evento, puede llamar a Home Contreras al (909) 531-3417 por correo electrónico [contreras@ucsb.edu](mailto:contreras@ucsb.edu)

## **Appendix H – Response to Comments**

## Comment Letter A: State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit (August 19, 2015)

 <p>STATE OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE of PLANNING AND RESEARCH STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AND PLANNING UNIT</p>  <p>Comment Letter A</p> <p>EDMUND G. BROWN JR. GOVERNOR</p> <p>KEN ALEX DIRECTOR</p>	<b>Response to Comment A-1:</b>
<p>August 19, 2015</p>	<p>Thank you for reviewing the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Proposed Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Improvements Project. The Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the County of Riverside, the Cities of Eastvale, and Jurupa Valley have selected the Partial Clover Leaf Interchange (Build Alternative) as the preferred alternative.</p>
<p>Kurt Heidelberg California Department of Transportation, District 8 464 W. 4th Street, 7th Floor San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400</p>	<p>The Department of Fish and Wildlife comment letter is addressed in Comment Letter C.</p>
<p>Subject: Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Improvements Project SCH#: 2015071051</p>	
<p>Dear Kurt Heidelberg:</p>	
<p>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 August 18, 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.</p>	
<p>Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:</p>	
<p>"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."</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>Sincerely,  Scott Morgan Director, State Clearinghouse</p>	
<p>Enclosures cc: Resources Agency</p>	
<p>1400 10th Street P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, California 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613 FAX (916) 323-3018 www.opr.ca.gov</p>	

**Document Details Report  
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

**SCH#** 2015071051  
**Project Title** Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Improvements Project  
**Lead Agency** Caltrans #8

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**Type** MND Mitigated Negative Declaration  
**Description** The County of Riverside, in cooperation with the Caltrans and the cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley, proposes to improve the existing freeway interchange at I-15 and Limonite Avenue, located within the cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley in Riverside County, CA. The proposed project would replace the existing Limonite Avenue overcrossing and would widen the roadway from four lanes to six lanes. Specifically, the project would widen the existing northbound and southbound on and off-ramps, widen Limonite Avenue to three lanes in each direction through the interchange area, and replace the existing Limonite Avenue overcrossing structure.

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**Project Location**  
**County** Riverside  
**City** Eastvale, Jurupa Valley  
**Region**  
**Lat / Long** 33° 58' 31" N / 117° 32' 56" W  
**Cross Streets** I 15 and Limonite Avenue  
**Parcel No.** 152-630-001, 152-630-007  
**Township** 2S **Range** 6W **Section** 3 **Base**

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**Proximity to:**  
**Highways** I-15  
**Airports** No  
**Railways** No  
**Waterways** Santa Ana River  
**Schools** Jurupa Valley HS  
**Land Use** Freeway, Local Roadway, Industrial Park, Scenic Highway Commercial, One Family Dwellings (R-1), Mobile Home

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**Project Issues** Aesthetic/Visual; Agricultural Land; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Drainage/Absorption; Economics/Jobs; Flood Plain/Flooding; Geologic/Seismic; Minerals; Noise; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Schools/Universities; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Solid Waste; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Water Supply; Wetland/Riparian; Growth Inducing; Landuse; Cumulative Effects

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**Reviewing Agencies** Resources Agency; Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 6; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; California Highway Patrol; Air Resources Board, Transportation Projects; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 8; Native American Heritage Commission

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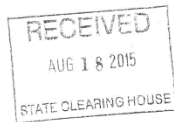


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Subject: Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration  
I-15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Project  
State Clearinghouse No. 2015071051

Dear Mr. Heidelberg:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Initial Study (IS) and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the I-15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Project (Project) [State Clearinghouse No. 2015071051]. CDFW is responding to the IS and proposed MND as a Trustee Agency for fish and wildlife resources (California Fish and Game Code Sections 711.7 and 1802, and the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA] Guidelines Section 15386), and as a Responsible Agency regarding any discretionary actions (CEQA Guidelines Section 15381), such as the issuance of a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (California Fish and Game Code Sections 1600 *et seq.*) and/or a California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Permit for Incidental Take of Endangered, Threatened, and/or Candidate species (California Fish and Game Code Sections 2080 and 2080.1).

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans; the CEQA lead agency), in cooperation with the County of Riverside (County) and the cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley, proposes to improve the existing freeway interchange at Interstate 15 (I-15) and Limonite Avenue. Limonite Avenue is an existing four-lane street traveling in an east-west direction. Within the project limits, I-15 is currently a six-lane access-controlled freeway with three lanes in each direction. The Limonite Avenue Overcrossing is an east-west roadway with two traffic lanes in each direction and two left-turn lanes at the I-15/Limonite Avenue on- and off-ramp intersections. To the west of I-15 (approximately 700 feet west of the intersection of the I-15 southbound ramps and Limonite Avenue), Limonite Avenue widens to three lanes in each direction.

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The project extends along Limonite Avenue between Hamner Avenue and Wineville Avenue. Along I-15, improvements are proposed from approximately 1.5 miles south to 1.4 miles north of the existing Limonite Avenue Overcrossing. The proposed project would replace the existing Limonite Avenue Overcrossing and would widen the roadway from four lanes to six lanes. Specifically, the project would widen the existing northbound and southbound on- and off-ramps, widen Limonite Avenue to three lanes in each direction through the interchange area, and replace the existing Limonite Avenue Overcrossing structure.

Biological Resources and Impacts

CDFW has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and the habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species (i.e., biological resources); and administers the Natural Community Conservation Planning Program (NCCP Program). CDFW offers the comments and recommendations presented below to assist the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans; the CEQA lead agency) in adequately identifying and/or mitigating the project's significant, or potentially significant, impacts on biological resources.

Following review of the Biological Resources section of the IS, the Department identified a number of questions, comments and concerns, and requests that each of these be addressed prior to adoption of the proposed MND. The Department's questions, comments, and concerns include:

1. Burrowing Owl Preconstruction Survey and Avoidance. CDFW requests that Mitigation Measure BIO-1 be conditioned to require consultation with CDFW prior to any relocation (passive or active) of burrowing owls. We recommend notification to CDFW if owls are found to be present onsite and development of a conservation strategy in cooperation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, CDFW, and the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (RCA).
2. Preconstruction Nesting Bird Survey. Mitigation Measure BIO-4 requires a pre-construction nesting bird survey to be conducted "no more than 30 days prior to vegetation clearing, ground disturbance, or construction activities (including staging) during the breeding season (March 1 to August 31 for non-raptors, January 15 to June 30 for raptors)."

Please note that it is the project proponent's responsibility to comply with all applicable laws related to nesting birds and birds of prey. Migratory non-game native bird species are protected by international treaty under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) of 1918, as amended (16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*). In addition, sections 3503, 3503.5, and 3513 of the Fish and Game Code (FGC) also afford protective measures as follows: Section 3503 states that it is unlawful to take, possess, or needlessly destroy the nest or eggs of any bird,

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except as otherwise provided by FGC or any regulation made pursuant thereto; Section 3503.5 states that it is unlawful to take, possess, or destroy any birds in the orders Falconiformes or Strigiformes (birds-of-prey) or to take, possess, or destroy the nest or eggs of any such bird except as otherwise provided by FGC or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto; and Section 3513 states that it is unlawful to take or possess any migratory nongame bird as designated in the MBTA or any part of such migratory nongame bird except as provided by rules and regulations adopted by the Secretary of the Interior under provisions of the MBTA.

CDFW recommends that Mitigation Measure BIO-4 be revised to require nesting bird surveys to take place no more than three (3) days prior to initiation of project activities, as instances of nesting may otherwise be missed. Furthermore, as some species of raptors (e.g., owls) may commence nesting as early as January 1, and passerines may nest later than August 31, CDFW recommends that BIO-4 also be revised to require pre-construction nesting bird surveys regardless of the time of year.

3. Preconstruction Bat Survey. Mitigation Measure BIO-5 requires a qualified biologist to conduct bat and bat roosting site surveys prior to removal of mature trees. CDFW recommends that Caltrans select a biologist who is knowledgeable and experienced in surveying for and working with southern California bat species, and that Mitigation Measure BIO-5 be revised to require preconstruction bat surveys to include inspection of suitable man-made structures (e.g., bridges and culverts) for signs of roosting prior to initiation of project activities.
4. Lake and Streambed Alteration. Page 2-16 of the IS identifies impacts to "approximately 2.11 acres" of streambed, and states that "[m]itigation for permanent loss of... CDFW jurisdictional waters would likely be 1:1 or less, such as through the purchase of mitigation bank credits through the Riverside-Corona Resources Conservation District in-lieu-fee program; however, this would be negotiated during the permitting process."

Absent a clear delineation of on-site streambed resources and a detailed, thorough description of the habitat present, CDFW cannot concur that the proposed mitigation will be sufficient to lower the impacts to a less than significant level. Therefore, CDFW requests that the MND be revised to include a thorough and detailed analysis of the project impacts (temporary, permanent, and cumulative) to streambed habitat, including a delineation, shown on an aerial photograph, of permanent and temporary impacts to streambeds. Please also include clarification of the nature of the temporary impacts, including a description of what is expected to cause the impacts, how long the disturbance will last, and what measures will be taken to return the temporarily impacted areas to their initial state. Please note that a mitigation ratio of 1:1 will likely be insufficient mitigation to offset the permanent loss of streambed.

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CDFW's issuance of an LSA Agreement is a "project" subject to CEQA (see Pub. Resources Code 21065). To facilitate issuance of an LSA Agreement, if necessary, the MND should fully identify the potential impacts to the streambed resources, and provide adequate avoidance, mitigation, and monitoring and reporting commitments. Early consultation with CDFW is recommended, as modification of the proposed project may be required to avoid or reduce impacts to fish and wildlife resources. To obtain a Lake or Streambed Alteration notification package, please go to <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/LSA/Forms>.


CDFW appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the I-15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Project (SCH No. 2015071051), and requests that Caltrans address CDFW's comments and concerns prior to adoption of the MND. If you should have any questions pertaining to these comments, please contact Gabriele Quillman at (909) 980-3818 or at [gabriele.quillman@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:gabriele.quillman@wildlife.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

  
(pm) Leslie MacNair  
Regional Manager

cc: State Clearinghouse, Sacramento

## Comment B: South Coast Air Quality Management District ( August 19, 2015)

<div style="text-align: right;">Comment Letter B</div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p><b>South Coast Air Quality Management District</b> 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178 (909) 396-2000 • www.aqmd.gov</p> </div> </div> <p><u>SENT VIA E-MAIL AND USPS:</u> <a href="mailto:DSI15Limonite@dot.ca.gov">DSI15Limonite@dot.ca.gov</a></p> <p style="text-align: right;">August 19, 2015</p> <p>Mr. Kurt Heidelberg California Department of Transportation, District 8 464 W. 4th St, MS-820 San Bernardino, CA 92401</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) for the Proposed Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Improvements Project</u></b></p> <p>The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the lead agency and should be incorporated into the Final MND. In the project description, the lead agency proposes to widen Limonite Avenue from four lanes to six lanes and improve the existing freeway interchange at Interstate 15 (I-15) and Limonite Avenue.</p> <p><b>B-1</b> In the Air Quality Section, the lead agency quantified the project's construction air quality impacts using Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's Roadway Construction Emissions Model version 7_1_3. SCAQMD staff recommends that the lead agency recalculate its air quality impacts using the newest version of the Roadway Construction Emissions Model (Version of 7.1.5.1).</p> <p><b>B-2</b> The location of the proposed project is adjacent to sensitive land uses<sup>2</sup> (i.e., residential dwellings west of the project site), the Draft MND did not evaluate potential localized air quality impacts that could result from the construction and operation of the proposed project. Therefore, the SCAQMD staff recommends that the Lead Agency revise the air quality analysis to include an assessment of potential localized air quality impacts of the proposed project. These potential air quality impacts should be assessed using SCAQMD's Localized Significance Methodology<sup>3</sup> and compared to the localized significance thresholds specific to the project area<sup>4</sup>.</p> <p><b>B-3</b> Furthermore, the lead agency determined that NOx emissions will exceed the significance thresholds during construction and mitigation measures will be implemented to reduce emissions to less than significant without providing documentation to support this determination. SCAQMD staff recommends providing additional information to quantify the emission reductions that may occur from implementing the proposed mitigation measures as well as adding additional mitigation measures to further reduce NOx emissions. Please see the following attachment for the recommended mitigation measures.</p> <p><small><sup>1</sup> Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's Roadway Construction Emissions Model The newest version can be found at: <a href="http://www.airquality.org/ceqm/">http://www.airquality.org/ceqm/</a> <sup>2</sup> California Air Resources Board, April 2005. "Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Health Perspective." Accessed at: <a href="http://www.arb.ca.gov/ah/landuse.htm">http://www.arb.ca.gov/ah/landuse.htm</a> <sup>3</sup> The Localized Significance Threshold (LST) methodology and Mass Rate LST Look Up Table is available at: <a href="http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqm/handbook/LSTLST.html">http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqm/handbook/LSTLST.html</a></small></p>	<p><b>Response to Comment B-1:</b></p> <p>The construction period air quality impacts related to the Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange project have been recalculated using the South Coast Air Quality Management (SCAQMD) approved and recommended CalEEMod (version 2013.2.2). The updated analysis uses the same assumptions for construction phase durations and equipment that were used in the draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND). The CalEEMod model was used instead of the Roadway Construction Emissions Model (version 7.1.5.1) to develop appropriate information so that a complete response can be provided related to SCAQMD Comment C-3 regarding the need to provide supporting documentation for minimization measure effectiveness. The Roadway Construction Emissions Model does not have the capability to calculate emissions after application of minimization measures, which CalEEMod is able to provide. CalEEMod output sheets are provided in Appendix E of the IS/MND. The results of the analysis, presented in Section 2.3.1 (page 2-7) of the IS/MND demonstrate that NOx emissions with implementation of minimization measures would be 71 pounds per day, which is less than the SCAQMD threshold for construction period NOx emissions of 100 pounds per day.</p> <p><b>Response to Comment B-2:</b></p> <p>Section 2.3.1 (page 2-7) of the IS/MND has been revised to include an evaluation of localized air quality impacts to nearby residential dwellings during short-term construction and long-term operations. As shown therein, impacts would be less than significant.</p>
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The SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these concerns and any other air quality questions that may arise. Please contact Jack Cheng, Air Quality Specialist at (909) 396-2448, if you have any questions regarding these comments. We look forward to reviewing the Final MND associated with this project.

Sincerely,  
*Barbara Radlein*  
Barbara Radlein  
Program Supervisor  
Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources

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**Response to Comment B-3:**

The construction period air quality impacts related to the Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange project have been recalculated using the South Coast Air Quality Management (SCAQMD) approved and recommended CalEEMod (version 2013.2.2). The updated analysis uses the same assumptions for construction phase durations and equipment that were used in the circulated IS/MND. CalEEMod output sheets are provided in the Air Quality Appendix of the IS/MND. As shown in Section 2.3.1 (page 2-7) of the IS/MND, nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions after implementation of minimization measures, as detailed in Section 2.3.1 of the IS/MND, would be less than significant. Therefore, no mitigation measures are necessary.

More specifically, Measures AQ-5 and AQ-12 in Section 2.3.2 (page 2-9) of the IS/MND address NOx. These are not mitigation measures; rather, they are California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) standard practices intended to avoid or minimize all air pollutant emissions, including NOx emissions, to the extent practicable. Measures AQ-5 and AQ-12 in the IS/MND (2-10) include: 1) properly tune and maintain construction equipment and vehicles; 2) use low-sulfur fuel in all construction equipment, as provided in California Code of Regulations Title 17, Section 93114; and, 3) route and schedule construction traffic to avoid peak travel times as much as possible to reduce congestion and related air quality impacts caused by idling vehicles along local roads.

**Recommended Mitigation Measures**

Based on the air quality analysis in the Draft MND, the lead agency determined that the proposed project will result in significant regional air quality impacts during construction. Therefore, SCAQMD staff recommends that, pursuant to Section 15126.4 of the CEQA Guidelines, the following measures be included in the Final MND, in addition to the measures proposed by the lead agency, in order to minimize or eliminate significant adverse air quality impacts during construction.

**Construction Mitigation Measures**

- Require the use of 2010 and newer diesel haul trucks (e.g., material delivery trucks and soil import/export) and if the lead agency determines that 2010 model year or newer diesel trucks cannot be obtained the lead agency shall use trucks that meet EPA 2007 model year NOx emissions requirements.
- Consistent with measures that other lead agencies in the South Coast Air Basin (including Port of Los Angeles, Port of Long Beach, Metro and City of Los Angeles)<sup>4</sup> have enacted, require all on-site construction equipment to meet the following:
  - All off road diesel-powered construction equipment greater than 50 hp shall meet the Tier 4 emission standards, where available. In addition, all construction equipment shall be outfitted with BACT devices certified by CARB. Any emissions control device used by the contractor shall achieve emissions reductions that are no less than what could be achieved by a Level 3 diesel emissions control strategy for a similarly sized engine as defined by CARB regulations.
  - A copy of each unit's certified tier specification, BACT documentation, and CARB or SCAQMD operating permit shall be provided at the time of mobilization of each applicable unit of equipment.
  - Encourage construction contractors to apply for SCAQMD "SOON" funds. Incentives could be provided for those construction contractors who apply for SCAQMD "SOON" funds. The "SOON" program provides funds to accelerate clean up of off-road diesel vehicles, such as heavy duty construction equipment. More information on this program can be found at the following website: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/business-detail?title=off-road-diesel-engines>.
- Require the use of electricity from power poles rather than temporary diesel or gasoline power generators, when feasible.
- Provide temporary traffic controls such as a flag person, during all phases of significant construction activity to maintain smooth traffic flow.
- Provide dedicated turn lanes for movement of construction trucks and equipment on- and off-site.
- Reroute construction trucks away from congested streets or sensitive receptor areas.
- Appoint a construction relations officer to act as a community liaison concerning on-site construction activity including resolution of issues related to PM10 generation.
- Improve traffic flow by signal synchronization.
- Limit soil disturbance to the amounts analyzed in the Draft MND.
- All materials transported off-site shall securely covered.
- Reduce traffic speeds on all unpaved roads to 15 mph or less.
- Construct or build with materials that do not require painting.
- Require the use of pre-painted construction materials.



<sup>4</sup> For example see the Metro Green Construction Policy at: [http://www.metro.net/projects\\_studies/sustainability/images/Green\\_Construction\\_Policy.pdf](http://www.metro.net/projects_studies/sustainability/images/Green_Construction_Policy.pdf)

Measure AQ-17 has been added to Section 2.3.2 and Appendix B of the IS/MND. Of the 13 bulleted items nine have been added in Measure AQ-17 as provided. The following items will be implemented as part of the project to the extent feasible as identified in Measure AQ-17.

- Reroute construction trucks away from congested streets or sensitive receptors.
- Construct or build with materials that do not require painting.
- Require the use of pre-painted construction materials.

If feasible, dedicated turn lanes for movement of construction trucks and equipment on- and off-site will be implemented. However, this has not been identified as a specific measure as the current project configuration and footprint does not allow for this measure to be accommodated. This will be further reviewed during final design and will be included if possible; however, at this time, it is anticipated that these dedicated turn lanes will not be implemented during project construction.

## Comment C: CA Department of Fish & Wildlife (August 18, 2015)

	<p>State of California - Natural Resources Agency DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE Inland Deserts Region 3502 Inland Empire Blvd., Suite C-220 Ontario, CA 91764 (909) 484-0459 <a href="http://www.wildlife.ca.gov">www.wildlife.ca.gov</a></p>	<p>EDMUND G. BROWN, Jr. Governor CHARLTON H. BONHAM, Director</p>		<p>Comment Letter C</p>
<p>August 18, 2015</p>				
<p>Mr. Kurt Heidelberg, M.S., M.A. Senior Environmental Planner California Department of Transportation, District 8 Environmental Studies "D" 454 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, MS-820 San Bernardino, CA 92401</p>				
<p>Subject: Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration I-15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Project State Clearinghouse No. 2015071051</p>				
<p>Dear Mr. Heidelberg:</p>				
<p>The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Initial Study (IS) and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the I-15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Project (Project) [State Clearinghouse No. 2015071051]. CDFW is responding to the IS and proposed MND as a Trustee Agency for fish and wildlife resources (California Fish and Game Code Sections 711.7 and 1802, and the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA] Guidelines Section 15386), and as a Responsible Agency regarding any discretionary actions (CEQA Guidelines Section 15381), such as the issuance of a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (California Fish and Game Code Sections 1600 <i>et seq.</i>) and/or a California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Permit for Incidental Take of Endangered, Threatened, and/or Candidate species (California Fish and Game Code Sections 2080 and 2080.1).</p>				
<p><u>Project Description</u></p>				
<p>The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans: the CEQA lead agency), in cooperation with the County of Riverside (County) and the cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley, proposes to improve the existing freeway interchange at Interstate 15 (I-15) and Limonite Avenue. Limonite Avenue is an existing four-lane street traveling in an east-west direction. Within the project limits, I-15 is currently a six-lane access-controlled freeway with three lanes in each direction. The Limonite Avenue Overcrossing is an east-west roadway with two traffic lanes in each direction and two left-turn lanes at the I-15/Limonite Avenue on- and off-ramp intersections. To the west of I-15 (approximately 700 feet west of the intersection of the I-15 southbound ramps and Limonite Avenue), Limonite Avenue widens to three lanes in each direction.</p>				
<p><i>Conserving California's Wildlife Since 1870</i></p>				



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The project extends along Limonite Avenue between Hamner Avenue and Wineville Avenue. Along I-15, improvements are proposed from approximately 1.5 miles south to 1.4 miles north of the existing Limonite Avenue Overcrossing. The proposed project would replace the existing Limonite Avenue Overcrossing and would widen the roadway from four lanes to six lanes. Specifically, the project would widen the existing northbound and southbound on- and off-ramps, widen Limonite Avenue to three lanes in each direction through the interchange area, and replace the existing Limonite Avenue Overcrossing structure.

Biological Resources and Impacts

CDFW has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and the habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species (i.e., biological resources); and administers the Natural Community Conservation Planning Program (NCCP Program). CDFW offers the comments and recommendations presented below to assist the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans; the CEQA lead agency) in adequately identifying and/or mitigating the project's significant, or potentially significant, impacts on biological resources.

Following review of the Biological Resources section of the IS, the Department identified a number of questions, comments and concerns, and requests that each of these be addressed prior to adoption of the proposed MND. The Department's questions, comments, and concerns include:

- C-1 1. Burrowing Owl Preconstruction Survey and Avoidance. CDFW requests that Mitigation Measure BIO-1 be conditioned to require consultation with CDFW prior to any relocation (passive or active) of burrowing owls. We recommend notification to CDFW if owls are found to be present onsite and development of a conservation strategy in cooperation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, CDFW, and the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (RCA).
  - C-2 2. Preconstruction Nesting Bird Survey. Mitigation Measure BIO-4 requires a pre-construction nesting bird survey to be conducted "no more than 30 days prior to vegetation clearing, ground disturbance, or construction activities (including staging) during the breeding season (March 1 to August 31 for non-raptors, January 15 to June 30 for raptors)."
- Please note that it is the project proponent's responsibility to comply with all applicable laws related to nesting birds and birds of prey. Migratory non-game native bird species are protected by international treaty under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) of 1918, as amended (16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*). In addition, sections 3503, 3503.5, and 3513 of the Fish and Game Code (FGC) also afford protective measures as follows: Section 3503 states that it is unlawful to take, possess, or needlessly destroy the nest or eggs of any bird.

**Response to Comment C-1:**

Measure BIO-1 (page 2-43) in Section 2.4.2 of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been revised to reflect notification of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the development of a relocation plan if relocation of burrowing owl is required. The measure states "...from CDFW and USFWS. If active relocation is required then CDFW and USFWS shall be notified prior to any relocation occurring. Development of a relocation plan shall be prepared and concurred with by USFWS, CDFW, and the Riverside Conservation Authority (RCA) prior to relocation. Passive relocation will not be utilized if burrowing owl relocation is required. This measure..."

**Response to Comment C-2:**

Measure BIO-4 (page 2-46) in Section 2.4.2 of the IS/MND has been revised so that preconstruction surveys for nesting birds will occur no more than three (3) days prior to construction activities. In addition, preconstruction survey requirements for nesting birds described in the IS/MND will be superseded by any measures required for nesting birds in the aquatic permits (Clean Water Act [CWA] 401, 404; CDFW 1602). This is included in Measure BIO-4. Measure BIO-4 requires preconstruction surveys for nesting birds (non-raptors) if construction occurs between March 1 and August 31 and for raptors if construction occurs between January 1 and June 30.

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except as otherwise provided by FGC or any regulation made pursuant thereto; Section 3503.5 states that it is unlawful to take, possess, or destroy any birds in the orders Falconiformes or Strigiformes (birds-of-prey) or to take, possess, or destroy the nest or eggs of any such bird except as otherwise provided by FGC or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto; and Section 3513 states that it is unlawful to take or possess any migratory nongame bird as designated in the MBTA or any part of such migratory nongame bird except as provided by rules and regulations adopted by the Secretary of the Interior under provisions of the MBTA.

CDFW recommends that Mitigation Measure BIO-4 be revised to require nesting bird surveys to take place no more than three (3) days prior to initiation of project activities, as instances of nesting may otherwise be missed. Furthermore, as some species of raptors (e.g., owls) may commence nesting as early as January 1, and passerines may nest later than August 31, CDFW recommends that BIO-4 also be revised to require pre-construction nesting bird surveys regardless of the time of year.

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3. Preconstruction Bat Survey. Mitigation Measure BIO-5 requires a qualified biologist to conduct bat and bat roosting site surveys prior to removal of mature trees. CDFW recommends that Caltrans select a biologist who is knowledgeable and experienced in surveying for and working with southern California bat species, and that Mitigation Measure BIO-5 be revised to require preconstruction bat surveys to include inspection of suitable man-made structures (e.g., bridges and culverts) for signs of roosting prior to initiation of project activities.

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4. Lake and Streambed Alteration. Page 2-16 of the IS identifies impacts to "approximately 2.11 acres" of streambed, and states that "[m]itigation for permanent loss of... CDFW jurisdictional waters would likely be 1:1 or less, such as through the purchase of mitigation bank credits through the Riverside-Corona Resources Conservation District in-lieu-fee program; however, this would be negotiated during the permitting process."

Absent a clear delineation of on-site streambed resources and a detailed, thorough description of the habitat present, CDFW cannot concur that the proposed mitigation will be sufficient to lower the impacts to a less than significant level. Therefore, CDFW requests that the MND be revised to include a thorough and detailed analysis of the project impacts (temporary, permanent, and cumulative) to streambed habitat, including a delineation, shown on an aerial photograph, of permanent and temporary impacts to streambeds. Please also include clarification of the nature of the temporary impacts, including a description of what is expected to cause the impacts, how long the disturbance will last, and what measures will be taken to return the temporarily impacted areas to their initial state. Please note that a mitigation ratio of 1:1 will likely be insufficient mitigation to offset the permanent loss of streambed.

**Response to Comment C-3:**

Measure BIO-5 (page 2-46) in Section 2.4.2 of the IS/MND has been revised to indicate that bat surveys will be performed by a qualified biologist that is experienced with southern California bat species. Measure BIO-5 has also been revised to indicate that preconstruction bat surveys would be conducted within any man-made structures (e.g. bridges and culverts) that would be suitable for bat species, along with any mature trees proposed for removal, within 100 feet of the project impact area/limits of disturbance for the proposed project.

**Response to Comment C-4:**

A delineation of jurisdictional water resources was conducted for this project, and is summarized in Section 2.4 (page 2-12) of the IS/MND. This information includes a general description of the drainages occurring within the biological study area (BSA) and vegetation within these drainages. A figure illustrating the permanent and temporary impacts to U.S Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and CDFW jurisdictional water resources has also been incorporated into the IS/MND. Impacts to jurisdictional waters are detailed in Table 2-1 in the IS/MND (page 2-18).

Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to occur over an 18 to 24 month timeframe. As described in Section 2.4.2 of the IS/MND under the seventh bullet of Measure BIO-3 (page 2-45), once construction is completed, temporary impacts shall be returned to pre-existing contours and revegetated with appropriate native [plant] species.

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CDFW's issuance of an LSA Agreement is a "project" subject to CEQA (see Pub. Resources Code 21065). To facilitate issuance of an LSA Agreement, if necessary, the MND should fully identify the potential impacts to the streambed resources, and provide adequate avoidance, mitigation, and monitoring and reporting commitments. Early consultation with CDFW is recommended, as modification of the proposed project may be required to avoid or reduce impacts to fish and wildlife resources. To obtain a Lake or Streambed Alteration notification package, please go to <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/LSA/Forms>.

CDFW appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the I-15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Project (SCH No. 2015071051), and requests that Caltrans address CDFW's comments and concerns prior to adoption of the MND. If you should have any questions pertaining to these comments, please contact Gabriele Quillman at (909) 980-3818 or at [gabriele.quillman@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:gabriele.quillman@wildlife.ca.gov).


Sincerely,

  
(102) Leslie M. Nair  
Regional Manager

cc: State Clearinghouse, Sacramento

A 1:1 mitigation ratio for the permanent loss of 0.76 acre of state streambed may be sufficient based on the lack of hydrological/biological functions and values of these streambeds, and the high levels of disturbance in the vicinity. As mentioned in the IS/MND, the in-lieu fee program and mitigation will be negotiated during the permitting of this project. Based on the analyses performed, the IS/MND provides the necessary mitigation to reduce impacts on these resources to a less-than-significant level under CEQA based on hydrological and biological functions and values.

## Comment D: Southern California Edison (August 18, 2015)

<p style="text-align: right;">Comment Letter D</p> <p> SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA <b>EDISON</b> AN EDISON INTERNATIONAL Company</p> <p><b>VIA E-MAIL &amp; OVERNIGHT DELIVERY</b></p> <p>August 18, 2015</p> <p>California Department of Transportation, District 08 Kurt Heidelberg, M.S., M.A. Senior Environmental Planner 464 W. 4th Street, MS-820 San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400 <a href="mailto:D815Limonite@dot.ca.gov">D815Limonite@dot.ca.gov</a></p> <p><b>RE: Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Improvements Project (MND)</b></p> <p>Dear Mr. Heidelberg:</p> <p>Southern California Edison (SCE) appreciates the opportunity to review and provide comments on the Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Interstate 15 (I-15)/Limonite Avenue Interchange Improvements Project (I-15/Limonite Project). Pursuant to the instructions on the I-15/Limonite Project website,<sup>1</sup> SCE provides the following comments on the draft IS/MND.</p> <p>SCE understands the proposed I-15/Limonite Project would replace the existing Limonite Avenue overcrossing and would widen the roadway from four lanes to six lanes. Specifically, the I-15/Limonite Project would widen the existing northbound and southbound on-and off-ramps, widen Limonite Avenue to three lanes in each direction through the interchange area and replace the existing Limonite Avenue overcrossing structure.</p> <p>As referenced in the IS/MND, in conjunction with the City of Riverside's public utility (Riverside Public Utilities or RPU), SCE plans to construct the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP). The City of Riverside approved RTRP's construction in February 2013.<sup>2</sup> RTRP's proposed construction includes, among other things, a 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line which parallels the eastern edge of Caltrans' proposed I-15/Limonite Project. This proposed 230 kV transmission line would be owned and operated by SCE.</p> <p>In April 2015, SCE submitted an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in support of its construction of a portion of RTRP.<sup>3</sup> SCE's CPCN Application is currently under consideration by the CPUC. In light of the proximity of Caltrans' proposed I-15/Limonite Project to RTRP's planned 230 kV Transmission Line route, SCE offers the following comments.</p> <p><sup>1</sup> See Caltrans website at <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/cist5/Project-I-15-Limonite-Interchange.html">http://www.dot.ca.gov/cist5/Project-I-15-Limonite-Interchange.html</a></p> <p><sup>2</sup> Caltrans submitted comment letters on RTRP's draft environmental documents. See RTRP Final Environmental Impact Report, Vol. 2, Comment Letters "C" and "I."</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Information regarding RTRP is available at the CPUC's website <a href="http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/infoc/w/programs/RTRP/index.html">http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/infoc/w/programs/RTRP/index.html</a>, as well as SCE's "CPUC Open Proceedings" website. For access to documents relevant to RTRP: (1) go to <a href="http://www.sce.com/applications">www.sce.com/applications</a>; (2) under "CPUC Open Proceedings," type "A 15-04-013" into the search box and click "Go"; (3) from the Search Results screen, click the icon in the "Attachment" column that corresponds to the desired document.</p>	
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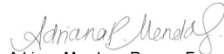
SCE notes that Caltrans' proposed right-of-way (ROW), as depicted in IS/MND Figure 3, appears to overlap with the ROW proposed in support of RTRP. The scale of the figure is not suitable to estimate the exact scope of this potentially overlapping ROW. The area to the southeast of the I-15/Limonite interchange is of particular interest.

RTRP's construction and operation may require aerial easements or encroachment permits to satisfy minimum clearances prescribed by CPUC General Order (GO) 95, *Overhead Electric Line Construction*. GO 95 establishes rules and regulations for the design, construction, and maintenance of overhead lines. GO 95 also includes vertical and horizontal clearance requirements from thoroughfares and the ground. In addition to these aerial easements, RTRP's construction may also require temporary construction easements in order to access SCE facilities via Caltrans' ROW.

SCE anticipates working directly with Caltrans and the County of Riverside in order to coordinate construction activities and secure any necessary aerial easements or encroachment permits in accommodation of RTRP and the I-15/Limonite Project. SCE recommends a focused meeting with Caltrans and the County to discuss the issues raised herein. Please contact Ken Spear from SCE's Major Projects Organization at (714) 987-5242 or [Kenneth.Spear@sce.com](mailto:Kenneth.Spear@sce.com) to schedule a meeting.

Again, SCE appreciates the opportunity to comment on the I-15/Limonite Interchange Project's IS/MND. SCE looks forward to working with Caltrans and the County to accommodate the construction and operation of both Projects. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at [Adriana.Mendoza@sce.com](mailto:Adriana.Mendoza@sce.com) or (909) 930-8495.

Regards,





Adriana Mendoza-Ramos, Esq.  
Local Public Affairs Region Manager  
Southern California Edison Company

cc: John Marcinek, Riverside County Transportation Department (e-mail only)  
George Hansen, Riverside Public Utilities (e-mail only)  
Kenneth Spear, SCE RTRP Project Manager (e-mail only)  
Karen Cadavona, SCE Third Party Environmental Reviews (e-mail only)


### Response to Comment D-1:

The Riverside County Transportation Department (RCTD), on behalf of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), has coordinated directly with Southern California Edison (SCE) during the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) phase of the project with regard to potential utility conflicts and/or relocations. RCTD will continue to coordinate with SCE with regard to utility facilities that SCE has, or is proposing, in the project vicinity. Any further correspondence with regard to the project will be directed to Kenneth Spear at SCE, as requested. Furthermore, a meeting is being scheduled between SCE, Caltrans, and the County. The County Project Manager is John Marcinek and can be reached at (951) 955-3727, email: [jmarcine@rctlma.org](mailto:jmarcine@rctlma.org).

## Comment E: Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (August 18, 2015)

<p>WARREN D. WILLIAMS General Manager/Chief Engineer</p>		<p>Comment Letter E 1995 MARKET STREET RIVERSIDE, CA 92501 951.955.1200 FAX 951.788.9965 www.rcflood.org</p>	<h3>Response to Comment E-1:</h3>
<p>RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT</p>			<p>Alternative for the Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Project, as described and analyzed in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, would not affect properties within the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's (RCFCWCD) right of way. Furthermore, the project would not involve any temporary construction work within RCFCWCD's right of way. Therefore, an encroachment permit from RCFCWCD is not anticipated to be required for the project.</p>
<p>August 18, 2015</p>			
<p><b><u>Emailed This Date To: D8115Limonite@dot.ca.gov</u></b></p>			
<p>Mr. Kurt Heidelberg, M.S., M.A. Caltrans – District 8 464 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, MS-820 San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400</p>			
<p>Dear Mr. Heidelberg:</p>			<p>Re: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Announcement of Public Meeting for the I-15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Improvements Project</p>
<p>This letter is written in response to the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the I-15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Improvements Project. The County of Riverside, in cooperation with Caltrans and the Cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley, proposes to improve the existing freeway interchange at I-15 and Limonite Avenue, located within the cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley in Riverside County, California. The project extends along Limonite Avenue between Hamner Avenue and Wineville Avenue. Along I-15, improvements are proposed from approximately 1.5 miles south to 1.4 miles north of the existing Limonite Avenue Overcrossing.</p>			
<p>The District has reviewed the environmental document and has the following comment:</p>			
<p>E-1</p>	<p>Construction of the project may affect properties within the District's right of way. Please be advised that any work that involves District rights of way, easements, or facilities will require an encroachment permit from the District. Therefore, the District will likely be a CEQA responsible agency and any potential impacts to District facilities should be considered in the MND. As such, please list the District in Table 1.2 of the document. To obtain further information on encroachment permits or existing facilities, contact Amy McNeill of the Encroachment Permit Section at 951.955.1266.</p>		
<p>Thank you for the opportunity to review the MND. Any further questions concerning this letter may be referred to Kevin Cunningham at 951.955.1526 or me at 951.955.8581.</p>			
<p>Very truly yours,</p>			
 KRIS FLANIGAN Engineering Project Manager			
<p>cc: Amy McNeill Zully Smith</p>			
<p>KCC:mcv P8172079</p>			

## Comment F: Public Works Department, City of Eastvale (August 19, 2015)

<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 10px;">Comment Letter F</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p><b>City of Eastvale</b> 12363 Limonite Avenue Suite 910 Eastvale, CA 91752 www.EastvaleCA.gov 951.361.0900</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;">  </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"><b><u>MEMORANDUM</u></b></p> <p><b>DATE:</b> August 19, 2015</p> <p><b>TO:</b> California Department of Transportation, District 08</p> <p><b>FROM:</b> Public Works Department, City of Eastvale</p> <p><b>SUBJECT:</b> Comments to I-15/Limonite Ave. Interchange Initial Study (with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration)</p> <hr/> <p>Public Works Department for the City of Eastvale has completed the review of the I-15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Project Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration and offers the following comments:</p> <p>1. Table 2-12: Cumulative Projects List</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Add: Goodman Birtcher</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Name</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Jurisdiction</th> <th style="width: 55%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Status</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">F-1</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Goodman-Birtcher</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">City of Eastvale</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Subdivision of approximately 193-acres into 10 parcels located at East side of Hamner Avenue between Cantu-Galleano Ranch Road and Bellegrave Avenue. Consists of two industrial buildings totaling 2,040,897 Sq.Ft. on two of the ten parcels. The remaining land use consists of 2 detention basins, business park, and other mixed uses.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">2. Page 5-3: Local Elected Officials</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Update as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Hon. Ike Bootsma, Mayor</li> <li>ii. Hon. William Link, Mayor Pro Tem</li> <li>iii. Hon. Clint Lorimore, Council Member</li> <li>iv. Hon. Adam Rush, Council Member</li> <li>v. Hon. Joseph Tessari, Council Member</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Delete the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Hon. Jeff DeGrandpre</li> </ul>	Name	Jurisdiction	Description	Status	F-1	Goodman-Birtcher	City of Eastvale	Subdivision of approximately 193-acres into 10 parcels located at East side of Hamner Avenue between Cantu-Galleano Ranch Road and Bellegrave Avenue. Consists of two industrial buildings totaling 2,040,897 Sq.Ft. on two of the ten parcels. The remaining land use consists of 2 detention basins, business park, and other mixed uses.	<p><b>Response to Comment F-1:</b></p> <p>The Cumulative Projects List in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) (Table 2-11, page 2-122) has been updated to include the Goodman-Birtcher Project.</p> <p><b>Response to Comment F-2:</b></p> <p>The following Local Elected Officials have been added to the Local Officials included in Chapter 5 of the (IS/MND, page 5-3): Honorable Ike Bootsma, Mayor; Honorable William Link, Pro Tem; Honorable Clint Lorimore, Council Member; Honorable Adam Rush, Council Member; and Honorable Joseph Tessari, Council Member. The Honorable Jeff DeGrandpre and the Honorable Ric Welch have been removed from the Local Officials included in Chapter 5 of the IS/MND.</p>
Name	Jurisdiction	Description	Status						
F-1	Goodman-Birtcher	City of Eastvale	Subdivision of approximately 193-acres into 10 parcels located at East side of Hamner Avenue between Cantu-Galleano Ranch Road and Bellegrave Avenue. Consists of two industrial buildings totaling 2,040,897 Sq.Ft. on two of the ten parcels. The remaining land use consists of 2 detention basins, business park, and other mixed uses.						

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ii. Hon. Ric Welch

3. General Comment:

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- a. The MND does not discuss or mention that in order to build a new bridge, half of the existing bridge must first be demolished leaving most likely only two traffic lanes in each direction with no separate left turn lanes. Congestion will increase significantly during construction. The MND needs to disclose these impacts during construction.
- b. It is recommended that a stakeholders committee be established from the business community elected officials, staff from the Cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley, and Caltrans to promote business during the construction phase. The committee will also receive updated information on the construction progress and ramp closures.

Should you have any questions or concerns, contact Ruben Castaneda in Public Works Department at 951-703-4470.



**Response to Comment F-3:**

Section 2.17.1 (e) (page 2-114) of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration includes the statement, “A staged construction plan would be implemented to keep the existing bridge and ramps open to traffic.” During the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase of the project the details regarding the staging of construction will be finalized. At this time it is anticipated that the bridge would be constructed in phases, which would allow a minimum of one lane to be open to traffic in each direction along Limonite Avenue at all times. In conjunction with construction of the Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange improvements a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) will be included. The TMP will include a public awareness program that would provide public notice of construction activities through mechanisms such as the local media, newsletters, and flyers. The following elements will be components of the TMP: Public Awareness Campaign, particularly related to the scheduling of work; Construction Zone Enforcement Enhancement Program (COZEEP); Utilization of Portable Changeable Message Signs (PCMSs); and notification to be sent to the local emergency providers and any residents, as applicable, that may be substantially affected by any street modifications or traffic diversions, and the cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley at least two weeks in advance of the planned construction activities that could cause substantial disruptions to traffic.

Throughout construction the Riverside County Transportation Department will remain in close contact with the cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley to ensure that they are notified of any work related to the I-15/Limonite Avenue Interchange project that could substantially affect traffic circulation. This information can be utilized by the Cities to notify the business community of any planned work.



## Comment G: Albert A. Webb Associated (August 20, 2015)

	Comment Letter G
<p><b>Corporate Headquarters</b> 3788 McCray Street Riverside, CA 92506 951.686.1070</p> <p><b>Palm Desert Office</b> 41-990 Cook St., Bldg. I - #801B Palm Desert, CA 92211 951.686.1070</p> <p><b>Murrieta Office</b> 41391 Kalmia Street #320 Murrieta, CA 92562 951.686.1070</p>	OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ENGINEER
	<small>W.O. No.: 2014-0697 District Project: N/A</small>
	August 20, 2015
	<p><b>Mr. Kurt Heidelberg, Senior Environmental Planner California Department of Transportation District 8 464 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, MS-820 San Bernardino, California 92401</b></p>
	<p><b>RE: Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Improvements Project, Cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley, Riverside County, California, District 08 -- RIV - 15 (Postmile 46.7 to 49.7), EA 0E150, PN 0800020201</b></p>
	<p>Dear Mr. Heidelberg:</p>
	<p>On behalf of the Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD), Albert A. Webb Associates, as District Engineer, has reviewed the Notice of Intent and the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Improvements Project ("Project"). We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on this Project.</p>
	<p>The Project is located within the service area of JCSD. JCSD provides water and sewer services to the cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley among other essential community services including parks and recreation. JCSD operates and maintains the 30-inch diameter JCSD Product Water Pipeline that crosses Interstate 15 (I-15) south of the Limonite Avenue Bridge overcrossing. The waterline is in Limonite Avenue from Hamner Avenue to approximately 500 feet west of the centerline of I-15 and then traverses south along the Caltrans right-of-way within an easement. The line crosses I-15 by way of a Caltrans Encroachment Permit and then traverses northerly along Caltrans right-of-way within an easement to Limonite Avenue. The pipeline then traverses easterly in Limonite Avenue to Wineville Avenue.</p>
	<p>Moreover, JCSD is currently proposing and analyzing the construction and operation of recycled water pipelines within rights-of-way identified in the Project Impact Area. Specifically, within the Project Impact Area, JCSD's Recycled Water Service Expansion project proposes:</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a 12-inch diameter recycled water pipeline within Limonite Avenue from Hamner Avenue east to the I-15;</li><li>• an 8-inch diameter recycled water pipeline within Wineville Avenue, north from the intersection with Limonite Avenue;</li><li>• a 6-inch diameter recycled water pipeline within Limonite Avenue east of</li></ul>
	 <a href="http://www.webbassociates.com">www.webbassociates.com</a>

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the intersection with Wineville Avenue;

- a 6- to 12-inch diameter recycled water pipeline running north-south adjacent to the western side of the I-15 from Bellegrave Avenue to the north and approximately Kern River Drive and the Eastvale city limit to the south.

The street improvements will potentially require the raising of manholes and valve cans for repaving operations as well as the potential relocation of waterline appurtenances (fire hydrants, blow-offs and airvalves). The aforementioned easements cross APNs 152-630-008 and 152-640-001, which are located south of Limonite Avenue right-of-way, immediately adjacent to the existing Caltrans right-of-way for the existing on- and off-ramps east and west of I-15.

From the Project exhibits contained in the Initial Study, Caltrans will need to acquire right-of-way across these two parcels in order to construct the proposed on- and off-ramp improvements. The 30-inch diameter product waterline is within an existing easement, and at this time, the waterline does not appear to require relocation across existing I-15. Although it appears the new ramps' grades would not cause any concerns for the line crossing beneath I-15 as the cutfill would not be any more or less than currently over the product waterline, JCSD requests the following condition of approval be incorporated into the Project: To avoid conflicts with existing and proposed JCSD facilities, Caltrans shall coordinate with JCSD prior to approval of final design plans.

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JCSD is actively researching whether there is an existing casing within the Limonite Avenue overcrossing as identified in Encroachment Permit #08-85-G-UM-0769. Pending the outcome of the research, a request may be made to have the casing replaced as part of the Project at no cost to JCSD.

Should you have any questions please contact our office at 951.686.1070.

Sincerely yours,  
**ALBERT A. WEBB ASSOCIATES**





Cheryl DeGano  
Principal Environmental Analyst

cc: JCSD

### Response to Comment G-1:

The Riverside County Transportation Department (RCTD), on behalf of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), has coordinated directly with the Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD) during the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) phase of the project with regard to potential utility conflicts and/or relocations. RCTD will continue to coordinate with the JCSD with regard to utility facilities that JCSD has in the project vicinity.

## Comment H: Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians (August 17, 2015)

<p style="text-align: center;">Comment Letter H</p> <p>August 17, 2015</p> <p>Attn: John Marcinek, County Project Manager Riverside County Transportation Department 4080 Lemon Street Riverside, CA 92501</p>  <p><b>Re: Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Improvements Project; Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration</b></p> <p>The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians appreciates your observance of Tribal Cultural Resources and their preservation in your project. The information provided to us on said project(s) has been assessed through our Cultural Resource Department, where it was concluded that although it is outside the existing reservation, the project area does fall within the bounds of our Tribal Traditional Use Areas. At this time, the Soboba Band does not have any immediate concerns with the proposed project. The tribe requests notification of any inadvertent discoveries that may be discovered during the course of the project.</p> <p>H-1</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>  <p>Joseph Ontiveros Cultural Resource Director Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians P.O. Box 487 San Jacinto, CA 92581 Phone (951) 654-5544 ext. 4137 Cell (951) 663-5279 <a href="mailto:jontiveros@soboba-nsn.gov">jontiveros@soboba-nsn.gov</a></p>	<p><b>Response to Comment H-1:</b></p> <p>Measures CR-1 and CR-2 have been included in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration in Section 2.5.2 (page 2-49) to ensure that proper procedures are implemented if cultural materials or human remains are discovered. These measures are standard practice on all California Department of Transportation project. These two measures read as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CR-1: If cultural materials are discovered during construction, all earth-moving activity within and around the immediate discovery area will be diverted until a qualified archaeologist can assess the nature and significance of the find.</li><li>• CR-2: If human remains are discovered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that further disturbances and activities shall stop in any area or nearby area suspected to overlie remains, and the County Coroner contacted. Pursuant to CA Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 5097.98, if the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), which will then notify the Most Likely Descendent (MLD). The person who discovered the remains will contact the District 08 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.</li></ul>
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## Comment Letter I: Diane Vencek (July 27, 2015)

<p style="text-align: right;">Comment Letter I</p> <p><b>From:</b> <a href="#">Vencek, Diane</a> <b>To:</b> <a href="mailto:DS115.Limonite@DOT">DS115.Limonite@DOT</a> <b>Subject:</b> I-15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Project <b>Date:</b> Monday, July 27, 2015 10:51:47 AM</p> <hr/> <p>Good morning Kurt,</p> <p>I-1   Great news about the pending I-15/Limonite Avenue Interchange improvement project! As a resident of Eastvale, the extra lanes are definitely needed. What is the proposed timeline for the project? Also, will there be a dedicated right turn lanes from Limonite onto the 15 fwy north &amp; south on-ramps (like we currently have)?</p> <p>Thanks Diane</p>	<p><b>Response to Comment I-1:</b></p> <p>The preferred alternative for the proposed project is identified in Section 1.2.3 (page 1-5) of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration After the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) and the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&amp;E) phases of the project have been completed construction could start in the Summer of 2017 depending on funding.</p> <p>The project will include a dedicated right turn lane for access onto the northbound and southbound Interstate 15 from eastbound and westbound Limonite Avenue. Figure 3, Sheet 4 shows the proposed on-ramps of the preferred Alternative.</p>
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## Comment J: Mike Ritchie

Comment Letter J	Response to Comment J-1:
<p><b>From:</b> <a href="mailto:mikeritchie909@gmail.com">mikeritchie909@gmail.com</a> <b>To:</b> <a href="mailto:DS115.Limonite@DOT">DS115.Limonite@DOT</a> <b>Subject:</b> I 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Project <b>Date:</b> Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:42:37 AM</p> <p>J-1 I don't live in the area but I work there and use the off and on ramp everyday. Its not named The Gateway for a reason and was not well planned by the engineers. Its the only access to the freeway for the residents as well as hundreds of people trying to get to the multiple shopping stores and places to eat. First off before spending all the money to widen and cause more traffic congestion, time all the lights to stay green to keep the traffic flowing starting from Hammer and Limonite to freeway. Second there needs to be another on and off ramp Bellgrave Ave. would be best and give people more options. Also traffic on the I 15 is going to be the same if they use one lane for a toll road.</p>	<p><b>Response to Comment J-1:</b></p> <p>As discussed in Section 2.17 (page 2-111) Transportation and Traffic of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), the purpose of the Interstate 15 (I-15)/Limonite Avenue Interchange project is to 1) reduce project traffic congestion at the I-15/Limonite Avenue interchange, and 2) improve traffic flow on the regional transportation system. Due to projected future traffic volumes and subsequent congestion at the I-15/Limonite interchange, as documented in Table 1-1 of the IS/MND (page 1-3), improvements to the interchanged were identified as a critical need at this location. As part of the proposed project the signal timing at the interchange will be optimized. Caltrans does not have jurisdiction over traffic signals located along local roadways, such as Limonite Avenue; however, we will coordinate with the cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley to the extent feasible with regard to signal timing. The estimated cost for the project, as stated on page 1-4, is \$46,497,000; this cost includes right of way costs and construction costs. The current Southern California Association of Government's Regional Transportation Plan identifies transportation projects that are planned and programmed through the year 2035 in the region. It does not appear to currently include an interchange project at I-15 and Bellgrade Avenue.</p>


### Comment K: Betty Anderson (August 06, 2015)

<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Comment Letter K</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  <p><b>COMMENT CARD</b></p> <p><b>I-15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Project Public Meeting</b>  <small>Thursday, August 6, 2015, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.                  Dr. Augustine Ramirez Intermediate School, 6905 Harrison Avenue, Eastvale, CA 92880</small></p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Comments:</b> <i>More meetings. Have a meeting in Jurupa Valley. Use better media such as both city websites. Many people further away than 1000 feet use that interchange they need to know about the project too. Post at both city halls.</i></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px; font-size: x-small;"> <p>Comments may be submitted at the Public Meeting, via email at <a href="mailto:D8115Limonite@dot.ca.gov">D8115Limonite@dot.ca.gov</a>, or by mail to the address on the back of this form.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 19, 2015</b></p> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;"><b>Your Contact Information</b></p> <p>Name: <i>Betty Anderson</i> Phone: <i>(951) 360-8723</i> Date: <i>8-6-15</i>                  Address: <i>11378 Rena Way</i>                  Affiliation/Group: _____ Email: <i>betty.sjam@earthlink.net</i></p> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Meeting Accommodations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did you hear about this meeting or project? <u><i>newspaper</i></u></li> <li>• If you are limited in your ability to communicate in English, were your communication needs adequately met?  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</li> <li>• If you were in need of a reasonable accommodation at this meeting as a result of a disability, were your accommodation needs adequately met?  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</li> <li>• If you checked No to either of the two questions above, please explain below how your needs could be better met in the future:                  _____                  _____</li> </ul> </div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>To accommodate persons with disabilities, this card will be made available in alternate formats upon request.</p> </div>	<p><b>Response to Comment K-1:</b></p> <p>A Public Outreach Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 from 6 to 8 pm at the Jurupa Valley City Hall located at 8930 Limonite Avenue. Representatives from the City of Jurupa Valley, consultants (including engineers and environmental specialists), and representatives from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) were available to answer questions regarding the project. A notice regarding the meeting was published in the Press Enterprise newspaper and information was posted on the City of Jurupa Valley website.</p> <p>In addition to the mailing of notices to owners and occupants located in close proximity to the proposed project, the Project Public Meeting held on August 6, 2015 was also advertised in the Press Enterprise and La Prensa newspapers.</p>
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## Comment L: Stephen Anderson (August 06, 2015)

<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Comment Letter L</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  <p><b>COMMENT CARD</b></p> <p><b>I-15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Project Public Meeting</b>  <small>Thursday, August 6, 2015, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.                  Dr. Augustine Ramirez Intermediate School, 6905 Harrison Avenue, Eastvale, CA 92880</small></p> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <p>L-1 Comments: <u>I would like to see tonight's program conducted in Jurupa Valley.</u></p> <hr/><hr/><hr/><hr/><hr/><hr/><hr/><hr/> </div> <div style="background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-size: x-small; margin-top: 20px;">                 Comments may be submitted at the Public Meeting, via email at <a href="mailto:D815Limonite@dot.ca.gov">D815Limonite@dot.ca.gov</a>, or by mail to the address on the back of this form.             </div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: x-small; margin-top: 5px;">                 COMMENTS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 19, 2015             </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;"><b>Your Contact Information</b></p> <p>Name: <u>Stephen Anderson</u> Phone: <u>(951) 360-8723</u> Date: <u>8-6-15</u>                  Address: <u>11378 Pena Way, Mira Loma, CA 91757</u>                  Affiliation/Group: _____ Email: <u>scu1baa@earthlink.net</u></p> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <p><b>Meeting Accommodations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did you hear about this meeting or project? <u>Newspaper</u></li> <li>• If you are limited in your ability to communicate in English, were your communication needs adequately met?  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</li> <li>• If you were in need of a reasonable accommodation at this meeting as a result of a disability, were your accommodation needs adequately met?  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</li> <li>• If you checked No to either of the two questions above, please explain below how your needs could be better met in the future:                  _____                  _____                  _____</li> </ul> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">To accommodate persons with disabilities, this card will be made available in alternate formats upon request.</p> </div>	<p><b>Response to Comment L-1:</b></p> <p>A Public Outreach Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 from 6 to 8 pm at the Jurupa Valley City Hall located at 8930 Limonite Avenue. Representatives from the City of Jurupa Valley, consultants (including engineers and environmental specialists), and representatives from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) were available to answer questions regarding the project. A notice regarding the meeting was published in the Press Enterprise newspaper on August 14, 2015 and was posted on the City of Jurupa Valley website.</p>
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### Comment M: R. O'Quinn (August 06, 2015)

<div style="text-align: right;">Comment Letter M</div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>COMMENT CARD</b></p> <p><b>I-15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Project Public Meeting</b>          Thursday, August 6, 2015, 8:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.          Dr. Augustine Ramirez Intermediate School, 6905 Harrison Avenue, Eastvale, CA 92880</p> </div> <p><b>Comments:</b> <i>Driving From Hammer @ The new Schleisman we are hearing that an on ramp to the 15 is in the works- How can we find out if this is true it is urgently needed.</i></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <div style="background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-size: small;">             Comments may be submitted at the Public Meeting, via email at <a href="mailto:D8115Limonite@dot.ca.gov">D8115Limonite@dot.ca.gov</a>, or by mail to the address on the back of this form.         </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">COMMENTS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 19, 2015</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">Your Contact Information</p> <p>Name: <i>Rhonda O'Quinn</i> Phone: <i>951 816 8780</i> Date: <i>8/6/2015</i>          Address: _____          Affiliation/Group: _____ Email: <i>RusciaRuscia7@gmail.com</i></p> <p><b>Meeting Accommodations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did you hear about this meeting or project? <i>Receive An Email</i></li> <li>• If you are limited in your ability to communicate in English, were your communication needs adequately met?  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</li> <li>• If you were in need of a reasonable accommodation at this meeting as a result of a disability, were your accommodation needs adequately met?  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</li> <li>• If you checked No to either of the two questions above, please explain below how your needs could be better met in the future:  <i>if necessary</i></li> </ul> <hr/> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: center;">To accommodate persons with disabilities, this card will be made available in alternate formats upon request.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: center;"><i>P.S. The young lady is extremely pleasant in the black skirt.</i></p>	<p><b>Response to Comment M-1:</b></p> <p>The current Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identifies transportation projects that are planned and programmed through the year 2035 in the region, includes the construction of a new interchange along Interstate 15 at Schleisman Road. At this time, there is no set timeframe for when this project may go forward. This is currently being evaluated by the County and the cities of Eastvale and Norco; however, due to funding constraints the projects is currently in the planning stages and is not expected to proceed into detailed engineering and environmental review until funding has been secured for the project. If this project does proceed in the future then this will be identified on Riverside County's Transportation and Land Management Agency's website.</p>
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### Comment N: Robert Zavana (August 06, 2015)

Comment Letter N



**COMMENTCARD**

**I-15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Project Public Meeting**  
 Thursday, August 6, 2015 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
 Dr. Augustine Ramirez Intermediate School, 6905 Harrison Avenue, Eastvale, CA 92880

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Comments:

N-1 2) Critical that decorative landscape features reflect history & culture of Jurupa Valley & Eastvale.  
 2) Historical instead of modern lighting

N-2 3) This type of present preservation is needed in Jurupa Valley soon. please contact city to schedule

Comments may be submitted at the Public Meeting, via email at [D8115Limonite@dot.ca.gov](mailto:D8115Limonite@dot.ca.gov), or by mail to the address on the back of this form.

**COMMENTS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 19, 2015**

Your Contact Information *951-332-6987* *8/6/15*

Name: *Robert Zavana* Phone: *951-332-2440* Date: *8/6/15*

Address: *8930 Limonite Ave, Jurupa Valley, CA 92589*

Affiliation/Group: *J.V. Planning Comm* Email: *RZAVANA@JurupaValley.org* *019*

**Meeting Accommodations:**

- How did you hear about this meeting or project? *At Eastvale Planning Comm 8/5/15*
- If you are limited in your ability to communicate in English, were your communication needs adequately met?  
 Yes  No  Not Applicable
- If you were in need of a reasonable accommodation at this meeting as a result of a disability, were your accommodation needs adequately met?  
 Yes  No  Not Applicable
- If you checked No to either of the two questions above, please explain below how your needs could be better met in the future:  
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To accommodate persons with disabilities, this card will be made available in alternate formats upon request.


#### Response to Comment N-1:

The inclusion of decorative features as part of the Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue project will be further developed during the Project, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase of the project. At this time specific decorative treatments to be included as part of the project have not been finalized. As identified in Measure AES-3 (page 2-4) in Section 2.1.2 of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, “The design and implementation of aesthetic elements shall be coordinated between local agencies and the Department and incorporated during final design” and in AES-4, “At a minimum, decorative railing shall be used at the Overcrossing, medians shall be aesthetically treated with hardscaping and wall treatments for the Overcrossing and retaining walls shall include fractured rib texture (or other similarly aesthetic texture).” The process identified under AES-3 would also include the selection of lighting type and design.

#### Response to Comment N-2:

A Public Outreach Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 from 6 to 8 pm at the Jurupa Valley City Hall located at 8930 Limonite Avenue. Representatives from the City of Jurupa Valley, consultants (including engineers and environmental specialists), and representatives from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) were available to answer questions regarding the project. A notice regarding the meeting was published in the Press Enterprise newspaper and was posted on the City of Jurupa Valley website.

## Comment O: Diane Vencek (August 07, 2015)

<div style="text-align: right;">Comment Letter O</div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>COMMENT CARD</b></p> <p><b>I-15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Project Public Meeting</b>              Thursday, August 6, 2015, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.              Dr. Augustine Ramirez Intermediate School, 6905 Harrison Avenue, Eastvale, CA 92880</p> </div> <hr/> <p>Comments: _____</p> <p>O-1 The public meeting was great. The visual displays were awesome and everyone was very helpful. I would have liked to see a potential landscape design during the meeting. I think this should be finalized before construction begins so any landscape irrigation needs can be met. There was mention of a new sidewalk extending from Eastvale to Jurupa Valley. Will there also be a bike lane? I'm looking forward to the new and improved interchange; it is very much needed. I wish the timeline could be reduced. Also, please do anything possible to avoid graffiti in this area (i.e. difficulty accessing signs, easy wash surfaces, landscape..etc.).</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Comments may be submitted at the Public Meeting, via email at <a href="mailto:D8115Limonite@dot.ca.gov">D8115Limonite@dot.ca.gov</a>, or by mail to the address on the back of this form.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMENTS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 19, 2015</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Your Contact Information</b></p> <p>Name: <u>Diane Vencek</u> Phone: <u>(909) 238-3542</u> Date: <u>8/7/15</u>              Address: <u>12514 Cipriano Lane</u>              Affiliation/Group _____ Email: <u>diane_vencek@yahoo.com</u></p> <p><b>Meeting Accommodations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did you hear about this meeting or project? <u>Smiling</u></li> <li>• If you are limited in your ability to communicate in English, were your communication needs adequately met?  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</li> <li>• If you were in need of a reasonable accommodation at this meeting as a result of a disability, were your accommodation needs adequately met?  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</li> <li>• If you checked No to either of the two questions above, please explain below how your needs could be better met in the future:              _____              _____</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;"><i>To accommodate persons with disabilities, this card will be made available in alternate formats upon request.</i></p>	<p><b>Response to Comment O-1:</b></p> <p>The inclusion of landscaping as part of the Interstate 15 (I-15)/ Limonite Avenue project will be further developed during the Project, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&amp;E) phase of the project. At this time specific detailed plans regarding landscaping have not been developed. Any landscape improvements that are implemented will need to be in compliance with the California Governor's Drought State of Emergency and the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) Water Conservation and Drought Action Plan. The inclusion of aesthetic treatments and/or textures would help to discourage graffiti. The inclusion of such items will be determined and finalized during the PS&amp;E phase of the project.</p> <p>The proposed I-15/Limonite Avenue Interchange project currently includes four-foot bike lanes and eight-foot sidewalks along Limonite Avenue through the interchange as defined in Section 1.2.2 of the IS/MND (page 1-3). The sidewalks will be constructed in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.</p> <p>The preferred alternative for the proposed project is identified in Section 1.2.3 of the IS/MND (page 1-5). After the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) and the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&amp;E) phases of the project have been completed, construction could start in the Summer of 2017 depending on funding. The project will include a dedicated right turn lane for access onto the northbound and southbound I-15 from eastbound and westbound Limonite Avenue. Figure 3 and 4 show the proposed on-ramps of the preferred alternative.</p>
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**Appendix I – Sample Noise Barrier Letter/Survey Sent and Responses  
Received**





**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**  
**TRANSPORTATION AND**  
**LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY**



*Juan C. Perez, P.E., T.E.*  
*Director of Transportation and*  
*Land Management*

**Transportation Department**

*Patricia Romo, P.E.*  
*Assistant Director of Transportation*

November 12, 2015

**File: 08-RIV-15 (PM 46.7/49.7)**  
**Interstate 15/Limonite**  
**Avenue Interchange**  
**Improvements Project**  
**EA: 0E150**  
**PN: 08100020201**

Swan Lake Mobile Country Estates  
5800 Hamner Avenue, Suite 1  
Eastvale, California 91752

Dear Owner:

**Re: Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Improvement Project/Sound Barrier Survey**

The County of Riverside (County), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Department) and the cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley, proposes to improve the existing freeway interchange at Interstate 15 (I-15) and Limonite Avenue. The proposed project would replace the existing Limonite Avenue Overcrossing and would widen Limonite Avenue from four lanes to six lanes. Specifically, the project would widen the existing northbound and southbound on-and off-ramps, widen Limonite Avenue to three lanes in each direction through the interchange area, and replace the existing Limonite Avenue Overcrossing structure.

You have received this letter because you own property, at the address referenced above, located in a neighborhood that may be benefited by a sound barrier. Please see the proposed sound barrier shown on the enclosed aerial photograph. We are seeking your opinion to determine if you are in favor of a sound barrier to reduce traffic noise on your property. Your opinion is extremely important – Caltrans will consider construction of a sound barrier unless a majority, 51 percent or more, of the affected property owners oppose the sound barrier.

To effectively reach out, you will be receiving two identical mailings requesting you fill out the enclosed survey form. The first mailing will be sent out standard mail and the second mailing will be sent certified. You will only need to fill out and return one survey form.

Please complete and return the enclosed survey form using the following method:

- Send via US mail in the provided self-addressed stamped envelope

The survey form must be signed by the property owner(s) and postmarked by December 4, 2015. If you do not return the survey by the above referenced date then a “no” vote for construction of the sound barrier will be recorded on your behalf.

November 12, 2015

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To learn more about the Interstate 15/Limonite Interchange Improvement Project:

- Visit the project web site <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8/Project-I-15-Limonite-Interchange.html>

If you have any questions regarding this sound barrier survey, please contact me at (951) 955-3727, or Marcia Frances Rose at (951) 955-1505.

Sincerely,



John Marcinek, Project Manager  
Riverside County Transportation Department

Attachments:

- 1) Noise Barrier Survey Response Form
- 2) Aerial photo with proposed sound barrier

**Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Improvement Project:  
NOISE BARRIER SURVEY RESPONSE FORM**

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<b>Property Address:</b>  5800 Hamner Avenue, Suite 1 Eastvale, California 91752	<b>Comments:</b>          
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Property Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**EA: 0E150**  
**PN: 08100020201**

Owner  
5800 Hamner Avenue, Unit 309  
Eastvale, California 91752

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Owner  
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Eastvale, California 91752

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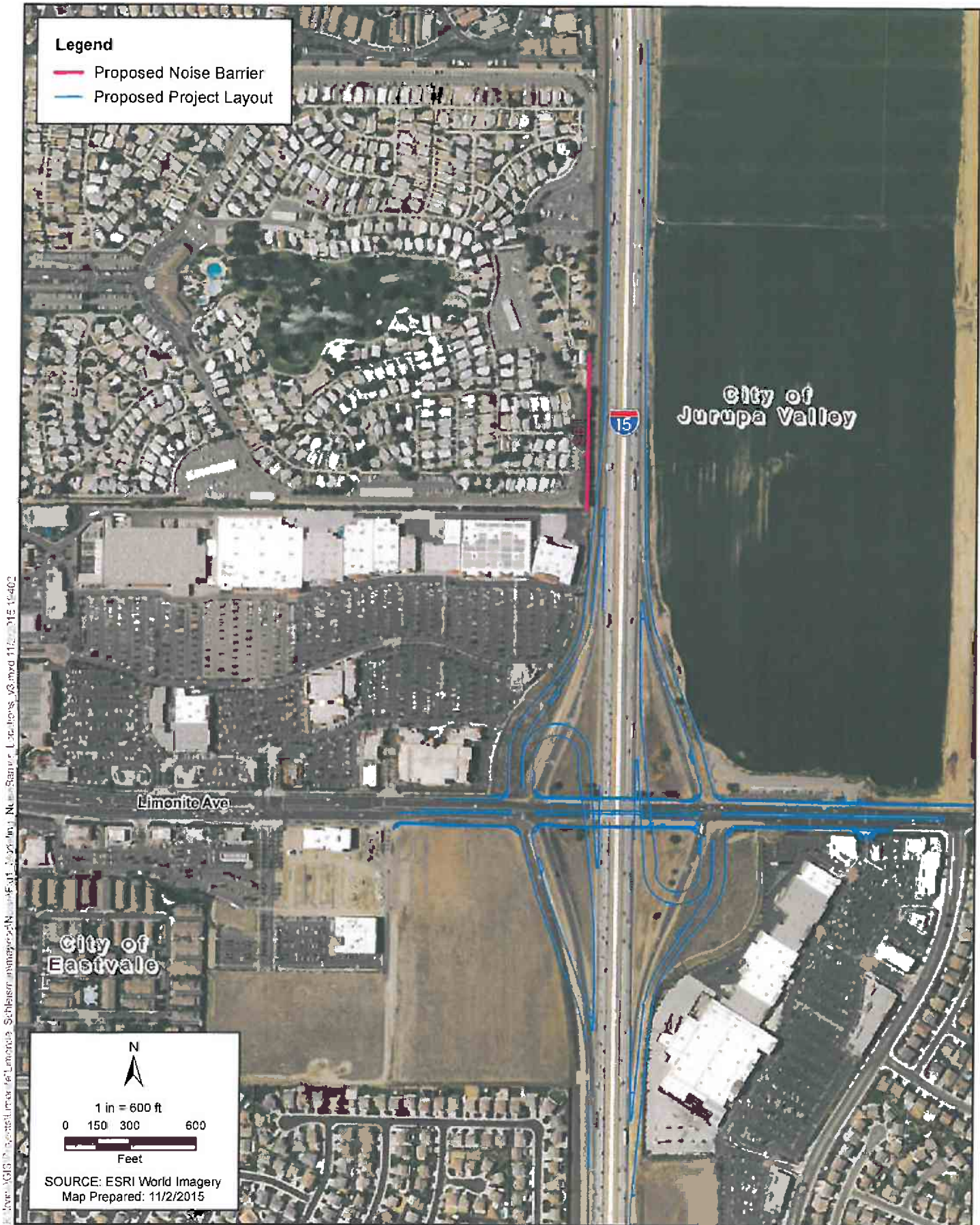
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Eastvale, California 91752

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Eastvale, California 91752

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November 12, 2015

**File:** 08-RIV-15 (PM 46.7/49.7)  
Interstate 15/Limonite  
Avenue Interchange  
Improvements Project

**EA:** 0E150  
**PN:** 08100020201

Owner  
5800 Hamner Avenue, Unit 358  
Eastvale, California 91752

Dear Owner:

**Re: Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Improvement Project/Sound Barrier Survey**

The County of Riverside (County), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Department) and the cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley, proposes to improve the existing freeway interchange at Interstate 15 (I-15) and Limonite Avenue. The proposed project would replace the existing Limonite Avenue Overcrossing and would widen Limonite Avenue from four lanes to six lanes. Specifically, the project would widen the existing northbound and southbound on-and-off-ramps, widen Limonite Avenue to three lanes in each direction through the interchange area, and replace the existing Limonite Avenue Overcrossing structure.

You have received this letter because you own a residence, at the address referenced above, located in a neighborhood that may be benefited by a sound barrier. Please see the proposed sound barrier shown on the enclosed aerial photograph. We are seeking your opinion to determine if you are in favor of a sound barrier to reduce traffic noise at your residence. Your opinion is extremely important – Caltrans will consider construction of a sound barrier unless a majority, 51 percent or more, of the affected owners oppose the sound barrier.

To effectively reach out, you will be receiving two identical mailings requesting you fill out the enclosed survey form. The first mailing will be sent out standard mail and the second mailing will be sent certified. You will only need to fill out and return one survey form.

Please complete and return the enclosed survey form using the following method:

- Send via US mail in the provided self-addressed stamped envelope

The survey form must be signed by the residence owner(s) and postmarked by December 4, 2015. If you do not return the survey by the above referenced date then a “no” vote for construction of the sound barrier will be recorded on your behalf.

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To learn more about the Interstate 15/Limonite Interchange Improvement Project:

- Visit the project web site <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8/Project-I-15-Limonite-Interchange.html>

If you have any questions regarding this sound barrier survey, please contact me at (951) 955-3727, or Marcia Frances Rose at (951) 955-1505.

Sincerely,

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John Marcinek, Project Manager  
Riverside County Transportation Department

Attachments:

- 1) Noise Barrier Survey Response Form
- 2) Aerial photo with proposed sound barrier

**Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Improvement Project:  
NOISE BARRIER SURVEY RESPONSE FORM**

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**Figure 1**  
**Proposed Project Layout and Noise Barriers**  
**Interstate 15/Limonite Avenue Interchange Improvements**





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Residence Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Property Address:</b> 5800 Hamner Avenue, Suite 1 Eastvale, California 91752	<b>Comments:</b> PROPERTY OWNER DOES NOT CONSENT TO ANY CONSTRUCTION NOR ACTIVITIES ON PROPERTY WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT. WE ALSO REQUEST TO BE KEPT APPRISED OF ALL TIMELINES.
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Property Owner's Name HAMNER PARK ASSOCIATES dba SWAN LAKE MHP  
Signature  MOBILE COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT, CO  
FOR HAMNER PARK ASSOCIATES  
dba SWAN LAKE MHP  
Date 12/3/15

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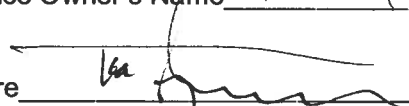
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Residence Owner's Name Tom Ascensio

Signature 

Date 11-18-2015

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Residence Owner's Name Emilia Escobedo / Edelmira Gonzalez

Signature Emilia Escobedo / Edelmira Gonzalez

Date 12/2/15

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Residence Owner's Name MARY Fernandez

Signature Mary Fernandez

Date 11-18-15

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