

APPENDIX B

Comment Letters on Notice of Preparation

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Steve Wittry
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Dear Mr. Wittry:

COMMENTS TO HOLLISTER WASTWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 5, Development Review, has reviewed the above referenced project and offers the following comments.

1. When preparing traffic studies for this project, mitigation of impacts to the State transportation system should be clearly outlined in the environmental document. This would include impacts on both a project-specific, and cumulative basis.
2. Any impacts to sensitive biological resources with Caltrans' right of way (R/W) should be identified and mitigated. Identifying these impacts will help expedite the process of encroachment permits. With regards to archaeological resource impacts or storm water runoff issues with Caltrans R/W, these will require avoidance or mitigation.
3. Comments provided are preliminary and subject to change based on a more detailed review of the applicants engineered studies, findings, and actual field review of the proposed project site. In all cases, deviation from Caltrans standards will not be considered a viable option.

If you have any questions, or need further clarification on items discussed above, please don't hesitate to call me at (805) 542-4751.

Sincerely,

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