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Rincon Consultant
Attn. Aileen Mahoney
80 Garden Ct. STE 24
Monterey, CA 93940

Re: SCH # 2022080684

Dear Ms. Mahoney,

The California Highway Patrol (CHP), Monterey Area, received the "Notice of Completion," of an Environmental Impact Report for the Charolais Ranch Subdivision (Charolais Ranch LLC), State Clearinghouse (SCH) number 2022080684. I have reviewed the proposed project.

The CHP's interest in commenting surrounds our concern for public safety. United States 101 (US-101) serves as a primary vehicular artery traversing Monterey County, which links Los Angeles to San Francisco and beyond, and a high volume of traffic flows through the highway. Collectively, the project proposal resulting in the creation of 29 parcels that would include 26 residential parcels (ranging from 1.4 acres to 3.7 acres) and three separate open space areas (totaling 73.2 acres), would result in an increase in volume of vehicular travel, which would have a negative impact on traffic safety on US-101, State Route 156, Pesante Road and the county roadways surrounding the project's vicinity. The Department's concerns with potential impact of this project include the following:

- Increased incidents requiring emergency response during construction.
- Traffic congestion issues which would result along on and off-ramps of US-101 Northbound and Southbound at State Route 156.
- Traffic congestion issues which would result along US-101 Northbound at Pesante Road.
- Additional enforcement demands.

Regarding traffic congestion issues at the previously mentioned on and off-ramps, the commuting public would be inconvenienced while waiting to enter or exit US-101, but more importantly, obvious safety issues, particularly at the off-ramps, would be created while multiple vehicles slow and stop to exit US-101 as traffic traveling at freeway-speeds passes by them. Pesante Road at the entrance for US-101 Northbound is controlled by a stop sign and the increase of commercial truck traffic

involved in the construction and removal of trees would cause a slowdown. The commercial trucks would also increase the risk for hazards as they attempt to enter US-101 Northbound from Pesante Road.

If the project is approved and moves forward, we are hopeful project operators will diligently establish, monitor, and enforce rules related to vehicle safety as CHP personnel work to ensure compliance with California Vehicle Code provisions.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (831) 770-8000.

Sincerely,

A. E. ELIAS, Captain
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Monterey Area