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**Re: Yermo Freepoint Ecosystems [SCH 2025100156](#) – *Mitigated Negative Declaration***

Dear Elena Barragan,

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) has jurisdiction over rail crossings (crossings) in California. The CPUC ensures that crossings are safely designed, constructed, and maintained. The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) is in receipt of the *Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)* for the proposed Yermo Freepoint Ecosystems Project. The County of San Bernardino (County) is the lead agency.

The project site is located at 37265 Yermo Road, south of Yermo Road, east of Dusty Trail and north of the Union Pacific Railroad yard in the unincorporated town of Yermo, San Bernardino County. The Project proposes to establish a recycling facility for a plastics sorting and processing warehouse. Marine Rd, which is a public unpaved road, currently falls within the proposed facility location and will be realigned to be to the north and west of its existing location to reconnect to Dusty Trail.

The Project figures show a rail loading/unloading area and one proposed track crossing in the southwest corner of the property [crossing a public roadway, Jellico Street](#). The usage restrictions of the crossing is not defined in the filing. Presumably, south of Marine Road, Jellico St will be a private roadway to the Union Pacific Yermo Yard and the new crossing across the roadway will be a private crossing restricted to use by only employees of the facility. If that is the case, authorization from the CPUC is not required.

Should that not be the case and Jellico St will remain a public roadway south of Marine Road and the public is allowed to utilize the new crossing across Jellico St, authorization from the CPUC will be required through a [formal application](#) to the Commission. Any proposed public crossing must also conform to the goals of the CPUC's Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan. This includes improving safety and access to transportation, improving local air quality and public health, and expanding outreach and public participation opportunities in disadvantaged communities. For more information, please visit <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/esjactionplan>.

If Jellico St will become private access to the Union Pacific Yermo Yard, the County should consider terminating the Jellico Street at Marine Road to ensure that the vehicles approaching the tracks do not get stuck on the tracks and potentially get struck by a railcar. A cul-de-sac could be installed at Marine Road and Jellico Street to allow vehicles to turn around and a driveway can be provided for railroad employees to access the rail yard. Illumination is also recommended and would also serve as a guide for

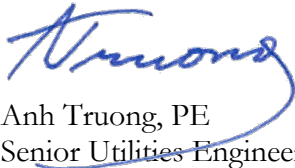
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vehicles in the evening hours or times of low visibility to alert vehicles of the potential to inadvertently drive onto the tracks.

Lastly, as noted, it is presumed that the proposed crossing will be a private crossing and as such authorization from the CPUC is not required. However, RCEB requests that the County and developer coordinate with Union Pacific to notify RCEB once the crossing is installed, so that we may update our database containing the inventory of all the crossings in the state, including private crossings. A Department of Transportation (DOT) crossing identification number, which can be provided by UPRR or the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), should be assigned to the crossings. Notifications should be made using [CPUC Form G](#) and can be submitted to [rceb@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).

If you have any questions, please contact Sergio Licon at (213) 503-4866, or [sergio.licon@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:sergio.licon@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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