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Re: SCH # 2026020910

Dear Mr. Alameda,

The California Highway Patrol (CHP), Monterey Area, received the "Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal," of an Environmental Impact Report for the Carmel Rio Road LLC, State Clearinghouse (SCH) number 2026020910. I have reviewed the proposed project.

The CHP's interest in commenting surrounds our concern for public safety. State Route 1 (SR-1) serves as a major vehicular artery connecting several coastal communities and serves as a primary route for both commuters and tourists. Collectively, the project's proposed production of 74 new residential units, would without question result in an increase in volume of vehicular travel, which would have a negative impact on traffic safety on SR-1 and the 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 near Rio Road and SR-1.
- An additive effect on congestion during peak commute hours, which will result in an increase in crashes and slower first responder response times to emergency incidents.
- Additional enforcement demands.

If the project 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

A. E. ELIAS, Captain
Commander
Monterey Area

