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Thaleena Bhattal
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703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901

Re: SCH #2026060149

Dear Ms. Bhattal

The California Highway Patrol (CHP), Williams Area, received the "Notice of Completion" for a draft Environmental Impact Report for Salt Creek Canyon, State Clearinghouse (SCH) number 2026060149. The CHP's interest in commenting surrounds our concern for public safety and response to emergency incidents in the project location.

Our concerns about the potential impact of this project include the following: increased traffic congestion, additional enforcement demands, and increased traffic crashes requiring emergency response during construction along State Route (SR) 20 in the project area. Additionally, SR-20 is the only direct access for Williams Area CHP personnel to respond to emergency incidents throughout a large portion of western Colusa County. Efforts to mitigate these concerns could include ensuring traffic control measures are placed in areas with adequate visibility to prevent stopped traffic in areas with limited visibility, optimally timing events with significant impact to traffic for off-peak periods, and ensuring adequate access for emergency personnel to respond to emergencies that may occur within or west of planned road closures within the project area(s).

Should you have any questions regarding these concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (530) 473-6000.

Sincerely,

David Owen

D. J. OWEN, Lieutenant
Commander
Williams Area

Attachment