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October 22, 2014

Mr. Mark Slovick  
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11-SD-15  
PM 43.28  
Lilac Hills Ranch Revised EIR

Dear Mr. Slovick:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) would like to provide clarification as it relates to comments provided on the Lilac Hills Ranch Draft Revised Environmental Impact Report (DREIR). However, we would still like our comment letter dated June 24, 2014, to be responded to as part of the public record.

Caltrans is not opposed with the mitigation identified in the DREIR to install traffic signals at the I-15/Gopher Canyon Road intersection under Caltrans jurisdiction. As long as assurances are provided and carried forward into the County's Conditions of Approval to implement the mitigation when warranted.

With respect to capacity enhancing improvements to Interstate 15 (I-15) between State Route 78 and the Riverside County boundary, Caltrans recognizes that no mitigation program, which the EIR could rely upon, is currently in place to implement such improvements. It is also understood based on the current SANDAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), that improvements are not planned to be in place until sometime between 2040 and 2050. Caltrans supports any and all efforts by the County, SANDAG, private stakeholders and other jurisdictional transportation agencies to work with Caltrans in developing a program to both plan and fund necessary capacity, multi-modal improvements, and transportation demand management strategies along the I-15 corridor.

If you have any questions, please contact Marisa Hampton at (619) 688-6954.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Armstrong".

JACOB ARMSTRONG, Chief  
Development Review Branch