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**Subject:** JVR Energy Park NOP  
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Please find the attached comment letter for the JVR Energy Park project. Let us know if you have any questions, thank you.

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Ms. Bronwyn Brown  
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San Diego County (ATTN: Planning and Development Services)  
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Dear Ms. Bronwyn Brown:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the JVR Energy Park, which will be located near Interstate 8 (I-8) in the community of Jacumba. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. The Local Development-Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities. Caltrans has the following comments:

- The Jacumba community has been identified as a possible future location for a new port of entry with Mexico. The Jacumba border station project is in early conceptual planning stages according to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) June 27, 2000 feasibility study.
- The Jacume border station project to the south in Mexico is also in early conceptual planning stages with our sister agency Secretaria de Infraestructura y Desarrollo Urbano del Estado (SIDUE) according to proposed projects identified in the California-Baja California Border Master Plan Update July 2014.
- The California-Baja California Border Master Plan will be updated starting summer 2019 with a completion date of February 2021.
- This development will only be accessing their proposed project off the existing Carrizo Gorge Road. There are no indications that this project will need access off I-8. Please note that Caltrans has full Access Control throughout the I-8 corridor and will not grant any access.
- Visual aspects of the project, including glint and glare, should be documented not to have any potential impacts to motorists driving on I-8.

#### Encroachment Permit

It is also understood by our agency that no new utility crossings on State Facilities will occur because of this project. Additionally, any project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. Any work performed within Caltrans right-of-way (R/W) will require discretionary

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review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required prior to construction.

If it is determined that traffic restrictions and detours are needed on or affecting State highways, a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) or construction Traffic Impact Study may be required of the developer for approval by Caltrans prior to construction. TMPs must be prepared in accordance with Caltrans' *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

As part of the encroachment permit process, the applicant must provide an approved final environmental document including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination addressing any environmental impacts within the Caltrans' R/W, and any corresponding technical studies with appropriate mitigation. If these materials are not included with the encroachment permit application, the applicant will be required to acquire and provide these to Caltrans before the permit application will be accepted. Identification of avoidance and/or mitigation measures will be a condition of the encroachment permit approval as well as procurement of any necessary regulatory and resource agency permits. Encroachment permit submittals that are incomplete can result in significant delays in permit approval.

Additional information regarding encroachment permits may be obtained by contacting the Caltrans Permits Office at (619) 688-6158. Early coordination with Caltrans is strongly advised for all encroachment permits.

Caltrans appreciates the continued coordination with San Diego County staff. If you have any questions, please contact Trent Clark at (619) 688-3140 or by email at [trent.clark@dot.ca.gov](mailto:trent.clark@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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