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California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
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RE: Almond 2 Power Plant for the Turlock Irrigation District in Stanislaus County

Ms. Felicia Miller,

Stanislaus County Public Works would like to thank you for the opportunity to work with the California Energy Commission and the Turlock Irrigation District on the Almond 2 Power Plant Staff Assessment. This is a positive project for the area and Stanislaus County Department of Public Works looks forward to working on this project with the Turlock Irrigation District and the California Energy Commission.

In reviewing the Traffic and Transportation section of the Staff Assessment, Stanislaus County Department of Public Works would like to make the following comments:

1. Please change all references of San Joaquin County to Stanislaus County.
2. The Level of Service (LOS) requirements, per Stanislaus County General Plan, are LOS C or better, not LOS D.
3. The grading and drainage plan shall comply with the current Stanislaus County National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit that is in place at the time a grading permit or encroachment permit is obtained. This will include any trenching/earth moving.
4. An encroachment permit shall be obtained from Stanislaus County Department of Public Works prior to any work being done in the County road right-of-way.
 - a. Stanislaus County will approve all traffic control plans that fall within County road right-of-way.
 - b. Road closures will not be allowed unless approved by Stanislaus County Department of Public Works prior to the encroachment permit being obtained.
 - c. If stockpiling and staging areas are within the County road right-of-way, Stanislaus County Department of Public Works shall approve the areas prior to taking out the encroachment permit.

- d. Stanislaus County Department of Public Works shall approve all temporary driveways that do not currently exist from any stockpiling or staging areas that are located outside County road right-of-way, using County right-of-way for access.
- e. Trench backfill and patching within the County road right-of-way shall be constructed per Stanislaus County Public Works Standards and Specifications.
 - i. Please extend the Proposed Conditions of Certification TRANS-3 to include all roads that will be utilized for the construction of the pipeline.
 - 1. "Within 90 days following the completion of construction, the project owner shall provide photo/videotape documentation to the City of Ceres Planning Department, Caltrans, County of San Joaquin Public Works Department (Stanislaus County Department of Public Works), and the CPM that the identified damaged sections of roadways have been restored to their pre-project condition."
- f. Compaction tests shall be taken on all trenches that fall within the County road right-of-way, as per Stanislaus County Public Works Standards and Specifications. Copies of the compaction tests shall be submitted and accepted by Stanislaus County Public Works prior to acceptance of the work constructed in the County road right-of-way.
- g. Open trenches will not be allowed within County right-of-way overnight. All trenches must be backfilled before the end of each workday.

Stanislaus County appreciates working with the California Energy Commission, Pacific Gas and Electric and the Turlock Irrigation District. If there are any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at (209) 652-8423 or halversona@stancounty.com.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Angie Halverson

C: Stanislaus County Environmental Review Committee