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General Plan Amendment/Rezone

Mr. Sean Brewer
Community Development Director
City of Coalinga
155 W. Durian
Coalinga, California 93210

Dear Mr. Brewer:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review process for the project referenced above. The project proposes to amend the General Plan by rezoning and creating five lots from the land parcel bounded by State Route 33 to the north, S Hachman Street to the east, and E Valley Street to the south from mixed use zone to medium density residential zone. Caltrans provides the following comments:

Caltrans has no objection to the proposed application(s). As projects are proposed, mitigation may be requested for signalization or improved channelization (left and right-turn) to accommodate the additional traffic. However, the proposed change in zone district has the potential to reduce the impact to State Route 33 and remove the obligation to mitigate. In order to support this conclusion, please include a trip generation comparison in the course of completing the environmental assessment associated with this General Plan Amendment.

A new encroachment permit is needed if ownership will change. Encroachment permits are not a property right and do not transfer with the property to the new owner. The owner needs to submit an application for an encroachment permit requesting approval for driveway access. Furthermore, any new access will need to be approved by this agency. Only the legal property owner or their authorized agent can pursue obtaining an encroachment permit. Please call the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office (District 6: 1352 W. Olive, Fresno, CA 93778, (559) 488-4058) to file a new encroachment permit authorizing access to the State Highway System. If you have any further questions, please contact me at (559) 488-7307.

Sincerely,



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