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**RE: Various Counties including Stanislaus
 Draft Program Environmental Impact Report
 Waste Discharge Regulatory Program for
 Irrigated Lands within the Central Valley Region**

Thank you,

- Janet -

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Draft Program Environmental Impact Report
Waste Discharge Regulatory Program for
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Ms. Megan Smith
ILRP Comments
630 K. Street, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Tencati:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the above subject project. We have circulated a copy to our functional units for review and Caltrans has the following comments:

Environmental

- Caltrans has responsibility for the maintenance and operation of State and Interstate highways within California. Any proposals that would affect the State Highway System are of concern to the Department. Caltrans Stormwater and Hydraulics may have concerns about the effects of potential changes in regulation to irrigation runoff into State highway facilities. This proposal should be reviewed by Stormwater and Hydraulics.

The Environmental Maintenance Planning Services Branch (MPS) has reviewed the Draft PEIR to identify activities that may occur within Caltrans rights of way and require issuance of Encroachment Permits by Caltrans. Such activities would not be proposed at the program level. Activities undertaken by individuals or "water quality coalitions" to comply with waste discharge requirements or to qualify for waivers from CVRWQCB may require Encroachment Permits from Caltrans; those individuals or coalitions would be responsible for obtaining permits when those activities are proposed.

As defined in CEQA section 21069, Caltrans would act as a Responsible Agency for projects requiring an Encroachment Permit. An application for an Encroachment Permit must include appropriate environmental studies and a copy of the environmental document adopted by the Lead Agency. These documents should identify Caltrans as a Responsible Agency and should include an analysis of

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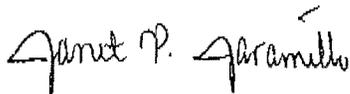
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potential impacts to any cultural resources, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and other resources within Caltrans right of way. Appropriate avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures should be identified.

Caltrans encourage contacting the Native American Heritage Commissions: 915 Capitol Mall, Room 364, Sacramento, CA, 95814, Telephone (916) 653-4082, Fax (916) 657-5390 for advice on consulting with Native Americans regarding any cultural concerns within the project area.

If you have any questions, please contact Janet P. Jaramillo at (209) 942-6022 (email: jjaramil@dot.ca.gov) or me at (209) 941-1921. We look forward to continuing to work with you in a cooperative manner.

Sincerely,



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