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Mr. Cosme Padilla, Chairman; and Commissioners
Monterey County Planning Commission
168 West Alisal Street
Salinas, CA 93901

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE, GLOSSARY AND SAFETY ELEMENT FOR
THE MONTEREY COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE AND
DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Dear Mr. Padilla and Commissioners:

The Air District submits the following comments and suggestions for your consideration:

Glossary

The Air District suggests that the following terms and definitions be included in the Glossary of the General Plan Update and its Final Program Environmental Impact Report:

Air Pollution. The presence of contaminants or pollutant substances in the air that interfere with human health or welfare, or produce other harmful environmental effects.

Best Available Control Technology (BACT). An emission limitation based on the maximum degree of reduction for each pollutant which would be emitted from any new or modified source, which on a case-by-case basis, taking into account energy, environmental, and economic impacts and other costs, is achievable for such class or category of source or modification through an application of production processes or available methods, systems, and techniques.

BACT shall not be less stringent than the emission control required by any applicable provision of District, CARB, State or federal laws or regulations unless the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the District that such limitations are not achievable.

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Safety Element of the General Plan Update

The District has no comments.

Geology, Soils and Seismicity Section of the Draft Program EIR

The District has no comments.

Schedule

Inasmuch as the Traffic Study was not included in the Draft Program EIR or Appendix B, Transportation, and a representative of the Air District participated in numerous working meetings that contributed to the environmental review, the Air District would very much like to review Kimley Horn's Traffic Study before making final comments on the EIR. Accordingly, we earnestly request that copy of the Traffic Study be sent immediately and that a fifteen day extension of the comment period be granted to allow for meaningful review.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments of these sections of the Draft General Plan Update and the Draft Program EIR.

Yours truly,



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