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February 5, 2016

Mr. Brian Pedrotti, Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Pedrotti:

LAETITIA AGRICULTURAL CLUSTER SUBDIVISION

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has been present for all of the Planning Commission public hearings on the Laetitia Agricultural Cluster Subdivision project including the most recent hearing on January 14, 2016.

In the Environmental Impact Report and in the hearings, the terms “secondary access” and “emergency access” have been used interchangeably but it is our understanding that they are not one and the same. In our discussions with CALFIRE, we have been informed that “secondary access” is not only for emergency egress but is intended to be unimpeded access 24/7, which could include events or other non-emergency activity. We believe this distinction needs to be made clear. The applicant asserts that a security guard would ensure that only emergency egress would be allowed. However, if the CALFIRE requirement is only for “secondary” and not emergency egress, the question arises as to the basis for which the guard would prohibit non-emergency uses, what constitutes an emergency and how it would be declared.

For these reasons, Caltrans continues to request that the county deny the use of the at-grade driveway without some type of physical barrier or other mechanism that would ensure non-emergency uses. Caltrans remains open to discussion of possible options in the efforts to ensure public safety.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (805) 549-3131 or adam.fukushima@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam Fukushima".

Adam Fukushima, PTP
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