

## **A. NOTICE OF PREPARATION, INITIAL STUDY, AND PROJECT CORRESPONDENCE**



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

VICTOR HOLANDA, AICP  
DIRECTOR

**DATE:** June 1, 2004

**TO:** Responsible Agencies, Elected Officials, and Interested Parties  
**FROM:** Department of Planning and Building  
County Government Center, Room 310  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

**PROJECT TITLE: WILLOW ROAD EXTENSION/US 101 INTERCHANGE**

**PROJECT APPLICANT: COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO**

**RESPONSES DUE BY: JUNE 30, 2004**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING: June 9, 2004, 4 p.m.–7 p.m.**  
**Nipomo Community Services District Office**  
**148 South Wilson Avenue**  
**Nipomo, CA 93444**

The County of San Luis Obispo will be the Lead Agency for preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the SEIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

PLEASE provide us the following information at your earliest convenience, but not later than the 30 day comment period that began with your agency's receipt of the NOP.

1. NAME OF CONTACT PERSON. (Address and telephone number)
2. PERMIT(S) or APPROVAL(S) AUTHORITY. Please provide a summary description of these and send a copy of the relevant sections of legislation, regulatory guidance, etc.
3. ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION. What environmental information must be addressed in the SEIR to enable your agency to use this documentation as a basis for your permit issuance or approval?
4. PERMIT STIPULATIONS/CONDITIONS. Please provide a list and description of standard stipulations (conditions) that your agency will apply to features of this project. Are there others that have a high likelihood of application to a permit or approval for this project? If so, please list and describe.

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5. REASONABLY FORESEEABLE PROJECTS, PROGRAMS or PLANS. Please name any future project, programs or plans that you think may have an overlapping influence with the project as proposed.
6. RELEVANT INFORMATION. Please provide references for any available, appropriate documentation you believe may be useful to the County in preparing the SEIR.
7. FURTHER COMMENTS. Please provide any further comments or information that will help the County to scope the document and determine the appropriate level of environmental assessment.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects to be addressed in the SEIR are identified in the attached materials.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

**Please send your response to:**

**John Farhar  
Public Works Department  
County Government Center  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408  
Telephone: 805/781-5714**

We will need the name of a contact person in your agency.

Signature Ellen Carroll

Ellen Carroll, Environmental Coordinator  
County of San Luis Obispo  
Department of Planning and Building, Rm 310  
County Government Center  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE WILLOW ROAD  
EXTENSION/U.S. 101 INTERCHANGE**

**PROJECT LOCATION**

The County of San Luis Obispo proposes to construct the extension of Willow Road and connect it with U.S. Route 101 (US 101) in the community of Nipomo in south San Luis Obispo County. The project is generally located between Pomeroy Road and Thompson Avenue, east of US 101. The proposed project's regional location and project vicinity are shown in Figure 1.

**PROJECT BACKGROUND**

The proposed alignment and interchange are shown in the Circulation Element of the County General Plan, the South County Circulation Study (1994/1995), and the Route 101 Corridor Study (1988). The proposed extension of Willow Road and the interchange are identified in the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) as a major proposed short-term project. The Willow Road interchange is listed in SLOCOG's Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) (Project ID #RPSTPL-5949[072]).

The Board of Supervisors originally considered seven alternative alignments for the extension of Willow Road, six of which were brought forward for the Board's consideration at its January 10, 1995, meeting. Two of the considered alignments (Alignments 2 and 4) were selected for further analysis and design leading to a final route selection. A Tier 1 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared by Douglas Wood and Associates, Inc. on behalf of the County in 1998 for Alignments 2 and 4 and the frontage road alignment. In March 1999, the Board certified the Final EIR and selected Alignment 2 as the preferred project alignment. The FEIR specified that subsequent design refinements for the road extension, interchange, and frontage road would be evaluated in Tier 2 construction-level environmental documentation. The second-tier evaluation is described in more detail below.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**Extension of Willow Road**

The proposed extension of Willow Road begins approximately 1,000 feet west of Pomeroy Road, running east and northeast approximately 2.5 miles to its termination at Thompson Road, east of US 101. The Willow Road extension will be a two-lane roadway (one lane in each direction) within a 100-foot right-of-way to accommodate a 40-foot-wide roadway with two 12-foot travel lanes, a 14-foot-wide center turn (auxiliary) lane in selected areas, two 8-foot shoulders, and an 8-foot area set aside for a future equestrian path.



Local access to the proposed Willow Road extension will be via local roadways and driveways. A center turn (auxiliary) lane will be provided at the intersections with Pomeroy Road, Hetrick Avenue, Thompson Road, the proposed west frontage road, and the proposed US 101/Willow Road interchange ramps. Based upon future project traffic generation from the build out of the area's land use plan, the roadway is expected to carry over 15,000 trips per day and will have a minimum design speed of 55 miles per hour. No changes to the configuration of the existing segments of Willow Road are anticipated except at its connection with Hetrick Road. A two-lane bridge is proposed to be constructed at the crossing of Willow Road over Nipomo Creek, east of US 101.

### **US 101/Willow Road Interchange**

An interchange is proposed where the extension of Willow Road would cross US 101, between US 101 Post Mile (PM) 5.75 and PM 6.0. The interchange will be constructed as an undercrossing and includes the construction of two two-lane concrete bridges to carry northbound and southbound US 101 traffic over Willow Road, approach slabs, and on- and off-ramps. The interchange will be constructed to accommodate any future widening of US 101 to six lanes and Willow Road to four lanes.

### **Frontage Road**

The proposed frontage road between Willow Road and Sandysdale Drive is proposed to be located approximately 50 feet west of the US 101 right-of-way. The new 0.8-mile roadway will be located within a 60-foot right-of-way to accommodate a 40-foot-wide two-lane roadway with two 12-foot travel lanes and two 8-foot bicycle lanes.

### **Park and Ride Facility**

The southwest quadrant of the proposed future interchange at US 101/Willow Road, outside of the southbound on-ramp is the proposed location for a future park and ride facility. The park and ride lot would provide approximately 50 spaces and will include a bus dropoff area and bicycle racks.

### **Infiltration Basins**

The proposed extension of Willow Road will add an additional 2.5 miles of roadway between Pomeroy Road and Thompson Road, in addition to 0.8 mile of frontage road between the new extension of Willow Road and Sandysdale Drive. This new roadway will not only add to the volume of runoff to the current drainage systems due to the imperviousness of the asphalt but will also essentially bisect natural drainage basins, thus causing a man-made barrier to natural runoff. The County dictates in its Standard Specifications Manual that all runoff caused by impervious bituminous asphalt must be routed into infiltration basins to ultimately be absorbed by the soil. The remaining natural runoff must be routed across the proposed roadway and is to continue downgrade on its current course. Infiltration basins will serve to capture and dispose of the natural runoff caused by precipitation on the new asphalt so as to not affect the natural drainage patterns.

Two separate basins along the Willow Road alignment are required to accommodate the increased runoff. Infiltration Basins (IB) 1 and 2 are identified on Figure 1. Each basin has distinct design characteristics, and therefore each basin has a unique configuration. The depth of the infiltration basins will be between two feet and eight feet (the maximum depth allowed by the County is eight feet). The eight-foot depth requires a six-foot chain-link fence be installed around the basin to address safety concerns.

### **Cherokee Place**

The project also includes the construction of Cherokee Place east for a distance of 1,000 feet to connect with the proposed frontage road west of US 101. Cherokee Place will be graded and paved to meet County standards. The proposed roadway is shown in Figure 1.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS**

The environmental review process for this project is expected to proceed as follows:

- 1) Preparation of technical studies to evaluate the following issues: Biological resources, cultural resources, air quality, noise, traffic, hazardous waste, and water quality.
- 2) Preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) to meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed project. The SEIR will document the information from the technical studies identified above, including a discussion of the existing setting, potential impacts, and proposed mitigation measures.

### **Specific Issues**

Specific issues to be addressed in the SEIR based upon the relevant technical studies are described below.

**Air Quality.** The proposed project may create, or be subject to, environmental effects relating to air pollution. An air quality impact analysis will be prepared and summarized in the SEIR to address local and regional impacts on sensitive land uses in the vicinity of the project site. The SEIR will address the following:

- a. Local and regional impacts on sensitive land uses in the vicinity of the project site.
- b. Baseline air quality conditions.
- c. Short-term construction emissions.
- d. Long-term mobile and stationary source emissions.
- e. Long-term carbon monoxide (CO) hot spot impact analysis.
- f. Potential to encounter serpentine and ultramafic rock.

**Noise.** The proposed project could result in potential short- and long-term noise impacts. Although the project is not anticipated to generate new vehicular traffic trips, vehicular traffic on Willow Road would increase due to area growth and to traffic currently using other existing roadways being attracted to the new US 101/Willow Road interchange. A Noise Impact Analysis will be prepared and summarized in the SEIR to address potential project impacts to sensitive land uses in the vicinity of the project site. The SEIR will address the noise requirements of the County of San Luis Obispo, including the following information:

- a. A discussion of existing sensitive uses along Willow Road and US 101 within the project area.
- b. Existing roadway traffic noise calculated as baseline conditions.
- c. A discussion of existing ambient noise levels to establish the character of the noise environment at the identified sensitive receptor locations along the US 101/Willow Road area.
- d. Noise impacts from construction sources based on the equipment expected to be used, length of a specific construction task, equipment power type, horsepower, load factor, and percentage of time in use.
- e. An assessment of noise impacts from vehicular traffic using the U.S. Federal Highway Administration Traffic Noise Prediction Model or the Sound32 traffic noise model.
- f. Noise abatement measures designed to reduce short- and long-term impacts to acceptable noise levels in the vicinity of the project site.

**Biological Resources.** The proposed project may have a potentially significant impact on biological resources. A Biological Resources Assessment will be prepared and summarized in the SEIR to describe the biological resources present in the project area and evaluate potential effects to those resources. The issues to be discussed in the SEIR include the following:

- a. Special status plant or wildlife species, or sensitive habitats, that may be affected by the proposed project.
- b. Potential regional effects on biological resources.
- c. Potential impacts to wetlands and riparian habitat associated with Nipomo Creek.
- d. A review of habitat on the project site to determine if habitat suitability for California red-legged frog or South Central California coast steelhead has changed since the surveys completed for the 1999 FEIR.
- e. Potential impacts to oak trees and oak woodland habitat located within the project area and recommendations for potential mitigation sites, preservation in place, and replacement alternatives where feasible.

**Cultural Resources.** An Archaeological Resource Management Report will be prepared and summarized in the SEIR to identify potential impacts to known archaeological and/or historic sites within the project area. The SEIR will include the following information:

- a. A summary of the cultural resource records search from the Central Coastal Information Center at the University of California, Santa Barbara.
- b. Listings from the Historic Resource Inventory for San Luis Obispo County on the National Register of Historic Places, California Register of Historic Resources, California Historic Landmarks, and California Points of Historical Interest properties in the project vicinity.
- c. A description of the natural and cultural setting of the project site and a discussion of potential impacts to archaeological resources.
- d. Identification of potentially sensitive cultural resources within the project area.
- e. A summary of the potential to encounter paleontological resources within the project area.
- f. Recommendations for mitigation measures, as needed.

**Water Quality.** A Water Quality Assessment will be prepared and summarized in the SEIR to address potential impacts to water quality. The SEIR will include the following information:

- a. A discussion of pollutants of concern, receiving water conditions, objectives, and beneficial uses.
- b. Applicable water quality regulations and typical construction best management practices (BMPs).
- c. Mitigation measures that may be needed to reduce water quality impacts.

**Agricultural Resources.** The proposed project would convert prime farmland within the project area to nonagricultural uses. A detailed discussion of impacts related to the conversion of farmlands will be included in the SEIR, including the following information:

- a. An evaluation of farmland impacts using the 1997 California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) Model thresholds and other thresholds deemed appropriate by the County.
- b. The location and Williamson Act contract status of agricultural preserves within the project area.

**Traffic and Circulation.** Existing and future traffic will be redirected by the proposed project. A Traffic Operations and Safety Analysis will be prepared and summarized in the SEIR to address potential impacts to local and regional traffic circulation, including the following information:

- a. An assessment of ramp intersection operations and a merge, diverge, and weaving analysis for US 101.

- b. Accident statistics within the project area.
- c. Potential impacts to regional circulation.
- d. Analysis of the surrounding road network to show how existing roads will be affected and what improvements are needed to reach acceptable service and safety levels.

**Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste.** The proposed project may result in impacts related to hazardous materials, given the amount of agricultural use within the project area. A Hazardous Waste Initial Site Assessment, Aerially Deposited Lead (ADL) Report, and Pesticide Study will be prepared and summarized in the SEIR to identify:

- a. Hazardous materials sites within the project area.
- b. Potential soil and groundwater contamination.
- c. Hazardous waste impacts and potential contamination associated with exposure to ADL and pesticides.
- d. Hazardous materials potentially stored on the project site during construction.
- e. Potential mitigation measures or standard conditions, as needed.

**Other Topics.** Other topics that were addressed in the 1999 FEIR will be incorporated into the SEIR by reference, as these environmental issues have not changed substantially to warrant reanalysis. The topics to be summarized from the prior analysis include aesthetics/visual impacts, land use and planning, geology and soils, drainage erosion and sedimentation, public services, and socioeconomics. The following additional CEQA topical sections of the SEIR will be incorporated by reference from the 1999 FEIR and updated as appropriate: Project Alternatives, Cumulative Impacts, and Growth-Inducing Impacts.

## PROPOSED SCHEDULE

The following is the proposed schedule for the review and approval of the SEIR:

June 1, 2004, to June 30, 2004: Circulate NOP/Public Review

June 9, 2004: Public Information Meeting

February 2005 to March 2005: Circulate Draft SEIR for Public Review

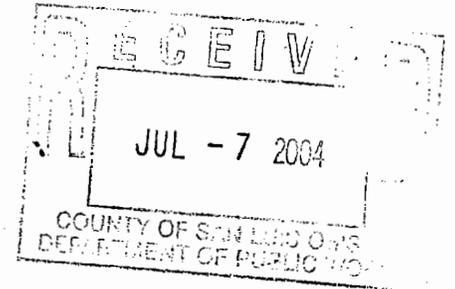
March 2005 to April 2005: Prepare Responses to Comments

June 2005: Certify Final SEIR

Following approval of the SEIR, the County may proceed with final design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction. Based on current funding availability, construction would begin no earlier than November 2005.



# FEMA



June 30, 2004

Mr. John Farhar  
County of San Luis Obispo  
Public Works Dept.  
County Government Center  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Re: NOP Draft SEIR Willow Road/U.S. 101 Interchange

Dear Mr. Farhar:

This letter serves to respond to your recent request for Agency input with respect to the Notice of Preparation for the referenced Draft Supplemental EIR, planned for development within San Luis Obispo County.

Please review the current effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for the referenced community and any other jurisdictions impacted by the project site. San Luis Obispo County is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and keeps Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) on file and available for review within the Engineering Department. Any development within this jurisdiction must comply with the requirements of the County Flood Prevention Ordinance, which regulates development within the high-risk Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and meets the minimum Federal requirements established in Volume 44, Code of Federal Regulations (44CFR). The NFIP floodplain management building requirements are described in Sections 59 through 65 of the Code.

Pertinent NFIP floodplain management building requirements from Sections 59.1 and 60.3 of the Code are summarized as follows:

- The term **development** means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations, or storage of equipment or materials.
- Proposed new development in a flood-prone area shall be reviewed to assure that: all public utilities and facilities, such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage, and-
- Until a regulatory floodway is designated for the SFHA zones pertaining to this project site location, the Community shall assure that no new development (including fill) shall be permitted within the SFHA unless it is demonstrated that the cumulated effect of the proposed development, when combined with all

other existing and anticipated development, will not increase the water surface elevation of the (100-year) base flood more than one-foot at any point within the community.

Upon completion of any development that changes existing Special Flood Hazard Areas, the NFIP directs all participating communities to submit the appropriate hydrologic and hydraulic data to FEMA for a FIRM revision. In accordance with CFR44, Section 65.3, as soon as practicable, but not later than six months after such data becomes available, a community shall notify FEMA of the changes by submitting technical data for a flood map revision. To obtain copies of FEMA's Flood Map Revision Application Packages, please refer to the FEMA website at [http://www.fema.gov/mit/tsd/dl\\_mt-2.htm](http://www.fema.gov/mit/tsd/dl_mt-2.htm)

The full text of Volume 44, Code of Federal Regulations (44CFR) may be found on the Internet at: <http://www.fema.gov/library/lib10.htm>.

Please Note:

Many communities participating in the NFIP have adopted building requirements and regulations that are more restrictive or comprehensive than the minimum federal criteria set forth in CFR No.44 for purposes of floodplain management and regulation of development in the floodplain. Please contact the local community's floodplain manager for more information on local floodplain management building requirements. The floodplain manager for The County of Mendocino can be reached by calling 805-781-5252.

If you have any questions regarding the NFIP, or if you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to call Gregor Blackburn of my staff at 510-627-7190.

Sincerely,



Michael Shore

Branch Chief

Community Mitigation Programs

Cc: Garrett Tam Sing

CA State NFIP Coordinator, Southern District



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
**Department of general services**

COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER • SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA 93408 • (805) 781-5200  
DUANE P. LEIB, DIRECTOR

TO: John Farhar, Public Works Department  
FROM: Jan Di Leo, Parks  
DATE: July 7, 2004  
RE: Willow Road Extension/U.S. 101 Interchange

This memo is regarding your NOP dated June 1, 2004.

*Name of Contact Person:* Jan Di Leo, extension 4089

*Permit Authority:* Parks, Recreation, & Trails within the County of San Luis Obispo.

*Environmental Information:* The Trails Plan indicates a trail along Willow Road in the vicinity of the proposed project. This corridor would likely be used by equestrians, pedestrians and bicyclists. Since Tefft is not a good corridor for trail use (over Highway 101), Willow Road is the suggested multi-use trail corridor. A detached trail corridor (to the County's A-1 (x) standard would be a good idea.

*Alternatives:* None proposed at this time.

*Relevant Information:* San Luis Obispo County *Public Review Draft Parks and Recreation Element*, San Luis Obispo County *Trails Plan*, San Luis Obispo County *Bikeways Plan*.

*Further Comments:* None.



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
Southwest Region  
501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200  
Long Beach, California 90802- 4213

JUN 15 2004

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John Farhar  
Public Works Department  
County Government Center  
San Luis Obispo, California 93408

JUN 17 2004

Dear Mr. Farhar:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) reviewed the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Willow Road Extension Project (Project), and understands that you would like guidance regarding the content and scope of the EIR. Accordingly, the EIR should clearly identify and describe the Project including interrelated and interdependent actions to the extent that NOAA Fisheries could develop an understanding of the potential effects (offsite, onsite, direct, indirect, temporary, permanent) of the Project on steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and their habitat. The EIR should include a list of measures for avoiding and minimizing potential negative effects of the Project on steelhead and their habitat. Unavoidable effects should be fully described according to life stage (i.e., spawning, rearing and migration) and features of this species' habitat. The manner in which the preferred alternative would be implemented (e.g., construction schedule, level of manpower, equipment types, access roads) should be clearly described. The potential benefits of the Project for steelhead, including any compensatory mitigation measures, should be described. Engineered design drawings and results of topographic surveys and creek-hydraulic analyses should be included in the EIR.

NOAA Fisheries appreciates the opportunity to provide you with information that will support preparation of the EIR and looks forward to review of the Project. Please contact Anthony Spina at (562) 980-4045 if you have any questions concerning this letter or if you would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Rodney R. McInnis  
Acting Regional Administrator





DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

Office of the Chief  
Regulatory Branch

County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works  
Attention: John Farhar  
County Government Center, Room 310  
San Luis Obispo, California 93408

JUN - 7 2004

Dear Mr. Farhar:

We are in receipt of the "Notice of Preparation of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Willow Road Extension/US 101 Interchange," dated June 1, 2004. Unfortunately, due to our current permit workload we are unable to provide detailed comments on the document at this time.

However, please be advised the proposed project may require a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit, especially in regards to any activity in Nipomo Creek and other waters of the United States that may be temporarily or permanently impacted by way of fill material or construction equipment.

A Corps of Engineers permit is required for the discharge of dredged or fill material into, including any redeposit of dredged material within, "waters of the United States" and adjacent wetlands pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1972. Examples include, but are not limited to,

1. creating fills for residential or commercial development, placing bank protection, temporary or permanent stockpiling of excavated material, building road crossings, backfilling for utility line crossings and constructing outfall structures, dams, levees, groins, weirs, or other structures;
2. mechanized landclearing, grading which involves filling low areas or land leveling, ditching, channelizing and other excavation activities that would have the effect of destroying or degrading waters of the United States;
3. allowing runoff or overflow from a contained land or water disposal area to re-enter a water of the United States;
4. placing pilings when such placement has or would have the effect of a discharge of fill material.

You will find a permit application form and a pamphlet that describes our regulatory program on the Corps Los Angeles District webpage at [www.spl.usace.army.mil/regulatory](http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/regulatory).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 585-2140. Please refer to this letter and 200401246-HAW in your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Wylie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Heather Wylie  
Project Manager



"James Worthley"  
<JWORTHLEY@SLOC  
OG.org>

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To: <jfarhar@co.slo.ca.us>  
cc:  
Subject: NOP of a Draft S-EIR for Willow Road Extension/101 Interchange -  
Contact Information

John,

Sorry, this has been sitting on my desk this long.

Please send the SEIR and any other documents regarding this project to:

SLOCOG

Attn: James Worthley  
1150 Osos St., Ste. 202  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

I can be reached directly at: 805-788-2002

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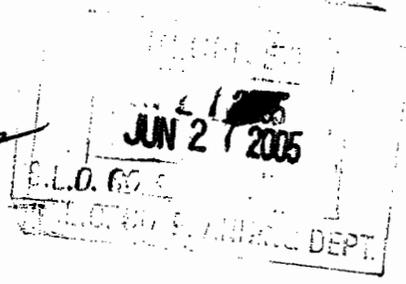
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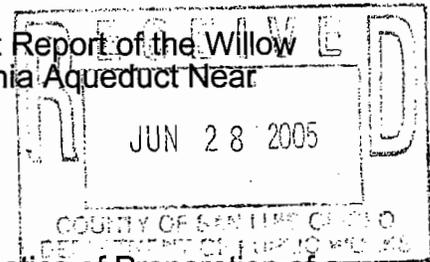
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*Paul Works*



Mr. James Caruso  
San Luis Obispo County  
County Government Center, Room 310  
San Luis Obispo, California 93408-2040

Notice of Preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report of the Willow Road Extension/U.S. 101 Interchange, Coastal Branch California Aqueduct Near Milepost 97, San Joaquin Field Division, San Luis Obispo County, Project ID #RPSTPL-5949(072)



Dear Mr. Caruso:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Notice of Preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Willow Road Extension/U.S. 101 Interchange, identified as project ID #RPSTPL-5949(072). The document identifies the proposed extension of Willow Road beginning approximately 1,000 feet west of Pomeroy Road, running east and northeast approximately 2.5 miles to its termination at Thompson Road, east of US 101 in the County of San Luis Obispo (County).

The proposed road extension will be in close proximity to the existing Coastal Aqueduct Pipeline, which is part of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) California Aqueduct. The County should be aware of DWR facilities within this area and contact DWR to coordinate any foreseeable work within State Water Project right of way.

Please provide us with a copy of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report once it becomes available.

If you have any questions, please contact Elena Behnam, Chief of Maintenance Engineering Section, Division of Operations and Maintenance, at (916) 653-0344 or Leroy Ellinghouse, at (916) 653-7168.

Sincerely,

Richard Sanchez, Chief  
State Water Project Operations Support Office  
Division of Operations and Maintenance

cc: State Clearinghouse  
Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, California 95814

Central Coast Water Agency  
255 Industrial  
Buellton, California 93427



**Willow Road Extension & Interchange  
Open House – June 9, 2004**

**Comments:**

GREG WESTER – LAND OWNER FOR  
OPEN SPACE "RECEIVER" SITE FOR OAK TREE  
RESTORATION.

WE ARE ALSO THE DEVELOPING PARTY FOR  
THE CANADA RANCH 200 ACRES TO THE  
SOUTH OF WILLOW RD EXTENSION

Contact Information (optional): Name: GREG  
Phone: 481-5182 E-Mail: GWESTER1@CHARTER.NET  
Address: PO BOX 219 ARROYO GRANDE CA 93421

Request 8-12" X 11" copy of presentation boards.

# Willow Road Extension & Interchange Open House – June 9, 2004

## Comments:

The right problem is not being addressed.  
We need to be able to get to San Luis Obispo  
without going through Arroyo Grande. I  
notice Southbound ramps are to be built first  
and two years later northbound ramps, and all  
this year along the way into the future.

Contact Information (optional): Name: Jeanne Dougall  
Phone: 343-1342 E-Mail:   
Address: 1547 Willow Rd., Arroyo Grande, 93420-5823

Request 8-12" X 11" copy of presentation boards.

**Willow Road Extension & Interchange  
Open House – June 9, 2004**

**Comments:**

The exhibits were attractive, and Phases 1 & 2 are progressing well, BUT Phase 3 (101 to Thompson) should be eliminated: 1) Damages Ag, 2) growth-inducing in Ag land, 3) unnecessary for Circulation, 4) Not funded anyway, 5) Damages riparian habitat & flood plain

Contact Information (optional): Name: Michael Winn  
Phone: 929-6128 E-Mail: mwinn@chester.net  
Address: 233 East Knotts St, Nipano 93444

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