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04-NAP-12 KP 0.0/5.3 (PM 0.0/0.3.3)
04-NAP-29 KP 6.7/8.9 (PM 4.2/5.5)
EA 264100 and 287900

Attn: Ryan Olah

Subject: SR 12 Jameson Canyon Road Widening and SR12/SR29 Interchange Improvement Projects, Napa and Solano County, California

Dear Mr. Olah:

Caltrans is initiating formal consultation for the Jameson Canyon Road Widening and Interchange Improvement Project as the NEPA lead agency under the provisions of the *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration and the California Department of Transportation Concerning the State of California's Participation in the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Pilot Program*, which became effective on July 1, 2007. The MOU was signed pursuant to Section 6005 of the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) which allows the Secretary of Transportation to assign, and the State of California to assume, responsibility for FHWA's responsibilities under NEPA as well as consultation and coordination responsibilities under other Federal environmental laws. As this project is covered by the Pilot Program MOU, FHWA has assigned and Caltrans has assumed FHWA responsibility for environmental review, consultation, and coordination on this project. Please direct all future correspondence on this project to Caltrans.

We have enclosed the following reports and other information for your review and your files:

- Biological Assessment
- Maps depicting project footprint and potentially effected habitat
- A copy of the design plans, including plan and profile views
- Copies of protocol level surveys for listed species

If you or your staff have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free call me at (510) 622-8729 or Chris States at (510) 286-7185.

Sincerely,


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