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John,
Below in parentheses, please see a copy of an email I sent yesterday to Carol Florence regarding our request for mitigation at the SR 166/Alamo Creek Road Intersection - per the Proposed Exceleron Project. As mentioned in the previous email I sent out, Caltrans would be requesting the left-turn channelization (and the consultant proposed shoulder-widening mitigation) in the post-exploration phase of their project - when they actually begin hauling the crude. This would allow Exceleron to conduct exploration activity without having to construct the operational improvements at the intersection in case the wells are not feasible to work.

-James

"Carol,
The agreement as we remember, was to review the accident reports and see if the CHP identified if turning movements were the cause of accidents at the 166/Alamo Creek Road Intersection. Deb Larson gave Steve the accident information that showed left-turning movements from 166 onto Alamo Creek Road as a cause of an accident. There is also a right-turn movement that was a cause of an accident at the intersection. Based on this information, Caltrans is using its "best engineering judgement" to ask the Lead Agency to require the mitigation mentioned in the last email. Caltrans has a mandate to provide safe facilities for the driving public - it is our highest priority. The accident history at the intersection is much higher than the state average for similar facilities, as depicted in the TASAS data. SR 166 is a safety corridor. The accident reports show that left-turn and right-turn vehicles as a cause of accidents. The proposed Exceleron project has created concern from the public who have communicated those concerns to us regarding safety at the intersection. Based on these reasons, Traffic Operations and Traffic Safety believe it is in best interest of promoting safety to ask for the left-turn channelization.

Although Steve says he believes the safety data does not warrant left-turn channelization as mitigation for the hauling activity associated with the proposed project, Caltrans is responsible and liable for the safe operation of the facility. It is with this in mind that we ask for the Lead Agency for the left-turn channelization. Therefore, Caltrans has stated its position and does not perceive the need for another meeting on this matter."
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