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Ms. Shilpa Gupta  
Environmental Affairs  
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power  
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Gupta

Adelanto Solar Power Project  
08-SBd-395-PM 14.87

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has reviewed the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Environmental Document (MND) for the Adelanto Solar Power Project provided by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. This project is a 10MW solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on 42.5 acres in the southwest portion of the existing Adelanto Switching Station. The following comments are for your consideration.

The construction of said Project will take approximately 5 months which would result in short-term increases in traffic volume of a maximum of 60 round trips per day (Table 1, page 7) due to the construction labor force assuming they all drive separately. This volume is less than significant.

On page 12 of the MND, the general truck route for construction will be via Rancho Road from US-395. The number of construction truck round trips for peak trips per day is less also than significant (Table 2); however, the number of delivery of materials and supplies truck trips should be addressed in the MND. The State is the owner and operator of US-395 and is concern with the impact that the delivery trucks will have onto the facility during the construction phase.

Any movement of vehicles/loads exceeding statutory limitations on the size, weight, and loading of vehicles contained in Division 15 of the California Vehicle Code, a Transportation Permit is required. As stated on Page 12 of the MND that limited number of oversize loads may be required to deliver large equipment to the site during construction, Section 2.6 Permits and Approvals on Page 14 should include Caltrans Transportation Permit in Topic "Other agencies that may review and grant permits for the proposed project potential include."

These comments are based upon a review of the material provided for our evaluation. All comments should be addressed and a revised MND should be resubmitted to this Office so that updated recommendations for impact mitigation may be provided.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer our comments concerning this project. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact David Lee at 909-383-6908 or me at 909-383-4557.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Kopulsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D".

DANIEL KOPULSKY  
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cc: Rick Gomez, Community Development Director, City of Adelanto