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Ione Sands Motocross
Public Scoping Session

Mr. Chuck Beatty, Director
Amador County Planning Department
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Dear Mr. Beatty:

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review the Notice of Public Scoping Session regarding the Ione Sands Motor Sports Facility scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM. The proposed facility is located at 8625 State Route (SR) 124, Ione, California and comprises Assessor's Parcel Number(s) 005-160-003, 005-160-010, and 005-160-014. A General Plan Amendment (GPA), Zone Change (ZC), and Use Permit (UP) are proposed to allow the operation of a private motocross facility on a former mine site. Membership at the facility would be limited to 300 riders who could use it daily for practice and training. Product testing and development are also proposed. Maximum daily attendance is projected to be 50 participants.

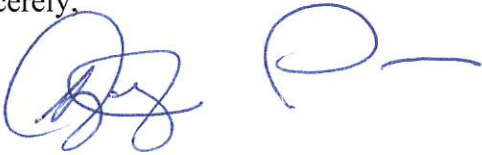
The District would like to reiterate comments and feedback previously made regarding the Traffic Impact Study (TIS) submitted by the proponent last year.

The revised TIS shows that the project access meets level of service (LOS) C under cumulative-plus-project conditions after including the Buena Vista Casino and other U.S. Mine projects to the cumulative scenario. Our September 7, 2017 letter requested that the revised TIS consider conflicts at the project driveway, due to increased truck traffic and proposed project traffic. This was not addressed in the revised TIS. Caltrans recommends construction of a northbound left-turn lane on SR 124 to reduce conflicts between trucks and other vehicles entering and exiting the project access and mainline traffic.

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If you would like to discuss these comments in more detail, please contact Michele Demetras at (209) 948-7647 (email: michele.demetras@dot.ca.gov) or me at (209) 948-7325 (email: gregoria.ponce@dot.ca.gov.)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'G' followed by a horizontal line.

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Chief, Office of Rural Planning

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