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**VIA U.S. MAIL AND EMAIL**

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Re: Notice of Preparation for Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Northeast-Southwest Arterial Connector Project

Dear Mr. Brinkman:

This law firm was just recently retained by the Monterey Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS). We realize that the time to comment on the above referenced Notice of Preparation has passed. However, given that the Draft EIR has not yet been released, and we assume will not be for some time, that we would relay our concerns regarding the above referenced project.

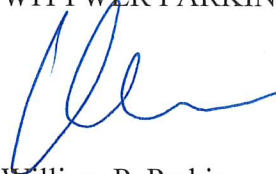
CNPS worked tirelessly for years to establish plant reserves on Fort Ord. These plant reserves were established to protect special-status plants as mitigation for projects approved and implemented by the U.S. Army. CNPS and the Army entered into certain agreements to protect these reserves. Because the reserves serve as mitigation for special-status species as a result of approved development, the reserves must be protected. FORA subsequently entered into further agreements with CNPS regarding some of these reserves.

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) must analyze the impacts of the project on the reserves. The project must also not be permitted in a manner that allows development that is contrary to agreements with CNPS and protection of the reserves, and CNPS expects the reserves to be protected. The EIR must describe the agreements and mitigations that led to the set aside of these important reserves, and must analyze the impact of the project on any of the reserves.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Very truly yours,  
WITTWER PARKIN LLP

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W.P. Parkin', is written over the printed name below.

William P. Parkin

cc: client