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**AMA-88-PM 32.94 Everest
Infrastructure
Initial Study (IS)
SCH: 2022100509**

Hello Ruslan,

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Everest Infrastructure Project that proposes to install a 150-foot-tall monopine design wireless communication tower with associated tower and ground equipment on ±3.6 acres.

The proposed project is located at 26570 Fairway Drive in Pioneer. The Assessor Parcel Number is 033-010-089.

Caltrans has the following comments:

Environmental

This location is within proximity to State Route (SR) 88, which is considered an eligible scenic highway in this area. The monopine style tower is preferred since the tower would be visible from Caltrans facilities. Any shed or equipment building associated with the tower should maintain an earth-tone color scheme in order to blend into its surroundings. If any construction-related activities encroach into Caltrans Right of Way (ROW), the project proponent must apply for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office. All CEQA documentation, with supporting technical studies, must be submitted with the Encroachment Permit Application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts on any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, scenic highways, and/or other environmental resources within Caltrans ROW at the project site(s).

Hydrology

The owner needs to ensure the two culverts are not damaged during construction. The two culverts are located along state SR 88 at post miles 32.89 and 32.97. The coordinates for the inlet and outlets are listed below.

- PM 32.89: Inlet 38.45470, -120.53039; Outlet 38.45452, -120.53057
- PM 32.97: Inlet 38.45598, -120.53132; Outlet 38.45565, -120.53116

Caltrans suggest Amador County continue to coordinate and consult with Caltrans to identify and address potential cumulative transportation impacts that may occur from this project and other developments near this location. This will assist Caltrans in ensuring that traffic safety and quality standards are maintained for the traveling public on existing and future state transportation facilities.

If the project changes or any future project activities encroach into ROW, the project proponent must submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and/or other resources within Caltrans ROW at the project site(s). For more information, please visit the Caltrans Website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these comments, please contact Paul Bauldry at (209) 670-9488 (email: paul.bauldry@dot.ca.gov) or me at (209) 483-7234 (email: Gregoria.Ponce@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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