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Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Proposed Pilot Flying J Travel Center Project (SCH No.: 2017021064)

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the lead agency and should be incorporated into the final CEQA document.

SCAQMD Staff's Summary of Project Description

The lead agency proposes to construct a 15,220-square-foot truck travel center and vehicular fueling facilities offering 12 diesel fueling-pumps and 16 gasoline fueling-pumps for passenger vehicles on 11.95 acres (proposed project). The project is located on the northwest corner of Riverside Drive and Etiwanda Avenue in the city of Jurupa Valley.

Permits and Compliance with SCAQMD Rules

Since the proposed project includes a diesel and gasoline dispensing facility, a permit from the SCAQMD would be required, and the SCAQMD should be identified as a responsible agency under CEQA for the proposed project in the final CEQA document. The assumptions for the air quality analysis in the final CEQA document will be the basis for permit conditions and limits. The final CEQA document should also demonstrate compliance with applicable SCAQMD Rules, including, but not limited to, Rule 201 – Permit to Construct, Rule 203 – Permit to Operate, and Rule 461 – Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing. Should there be any questions on permits, please contact the SCAQMD's Engineering and Permitting staff at (909) 396-3385. For more general information on permits, please visit SCAQMD's webpage at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/permits>.

Conclusion

Pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21092.5(a) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15088(b), SCAQMD staff requests that the Lead Agency provide SCAQMD staff with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the certification of the final CEQA document. In addition, issues raised in the comments should be addressed in detail giving reasons why specific comments and suggestions are not accepted. There should be good faith, reasoned analysis in response. Conclusory statements unsupported by factual information will not suffice (CEQA Guidelines Section 15088(c)). Conclusory statements do not facilitate the purpose and goal of CEQA on public disclosure and are not meaningful or useful to decision makers and to the public who are interested in the proposed project.

SCAQMD staff is available to work with the lead agency to address any air quality questions that may arise from this comment letter. Please contact Alina Mullins, Assistant Air Quality Specialist, at amullins@aqmd.gov, if you have any questions.

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