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cc Jillian Wong <jwong1@aqmd.gov>

Subject RE: SCAQMD Staff NOP Comments for the Mt. San Antonio College
West Parcel Solar Parcel Project

Dear Becky,

SCAQMD staff understands that the CEQA Guidelines encourage early public consultation, which may be called scoping. However, "[w]here scoping is used, it should be combined to the extent possible with consultation under Section 15082 (Notice of Preparation and Determination of Scope of EIR)" (CEQA Guidelines Section 15083 (c)). It was not clear from the Notice of Scoping Session for the proposed project that a Notice of Preparation (NOP) within the definition of Section 15082 would be issued in the future.

As a CEQA commenting agency, SCAQMD staff reviews and may comment on the CEQA documents. Staff's goal is to ensure that project emissions and health risk impacts are adequately and sufficiently evaluated, disclosed, and mitigated to the maximum extent feasible. In general, SCAQMD staff's comments during the early consultation are recommendations to assist the Lead Agencies "in identifying the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant [air quality and health risk] effects to be analyzed in depth in an EIR [...]" (CEQA Guidelines Section 15083 (a)). Our comments, dated June 2, 2017, provided the information that may be helpful to the Lead Agency in preparing the air quality and health risk analyses for the proposed project. As such, we believe that our comments fulfilled the CEQA requirement under Section 15083 for SCAQMD.

We look forward to receiving the NOP when it is available. Please send it to my attention.

Thank you,
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