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Attn: Ms. Gina Francis

Subject: Notice of Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Report
General Plan Update

Dear Ms. Francis:

The Malaga County Water District respectfully offers the following comments to the Notice of Preparation of the Draft EIR for the Fresno County General Plan Update.

The area served by Malaga County Water District continues to develop at a rapid pace. Development includes residential, commercial and industrial sites. This development is in conformance with the Roosevelt Community Plan. It is recommended that the General Plan Update take into consideration the traffic and transportation impacts of land use designations within Malaga County Water District. Improvements to primary roadways and arterials lag behind the recent developments and the additional demands they place on the roadways. Specific improvements are recommended at Central Avenue and Golden State Boulevard, Chestnut Avenue and Golden State Boulevard, Willow Avenue between North Avenue and Central Avenue, and Central Avenue east of Freeway 99. The District strongly supports the completion of the Chestnut Avenue overcrossing of Golden State Boulevard.

The area encompassed by the Malaga County Water District is impacted by development in other areas of the County. A specific example, is the impact (traffic, transportation, noise and safety) of Sand and Gravel Mining Operations. Central Avenue is utilized as a primary access route for the Sand and Gravel Mining Operations.

Environmental concerns for the Malaga area includes the previously mentioned infrastructure support requirements, as well as concerns regarding public safety, noise, odors and employment opportunities.

Malaga County Water District expects to be an active participant in the development of the General Plan Update to ensure that the residential and business interests of the Malaga area are recognized.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at (559) 485-7353.

Sincerely,



Gerald W. Forde, General Manager

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