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Debra L. Hale, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Hale:

2018 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE PROGRAM UPDATE

This letter is intended to reaffirm Caltrans' position regarding the update of the TAMC Regional Development Impact Fee Program. This Program allows Caltrans and the local agencies to apply a cumulative mitigation strategy to impacts from new development in Monterey County.

In other regions of the state which have development impact fee programs in place, Caltrans considers those fees as sufficient for addressing the cumulative impacts of development as defined in Sections 15130 and 15355 of the California Environmental Act (CEQA) Guidelines. In these circumstances, Caltrans' review and comments of development proposals focus primarily on project-specific (existing conditions + project) impacts to the state highway system.

Overall, we have confidence in the program and its' ability to address cumulative impacts. Any future changes or modifications to the fee program will need to be evaluated by Caltrans to determine if they continue to meet the burden of mitigation for CEQA. This includes mid-program updates such as ones that are described on Section 6.7 (Fee Update Procedures) intended to discount or remove fees for specially-designated zones, infill districts, political feasibility, or other reasons.

If you have any questions, please contact John Olejnik of my staff at (805) 542-4751.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Aileen K. Loeb".

for

AILEEN K. LOE,
Deputy District Director
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