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**Subject:** JVR Energy Park NOP - SANDAG Comments  
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Dear Ms. Brown,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the County of San Diego's JVR Energy Park Notice of Preparation. Please see the attached comments from SANDAG. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Seth Litchney ([seth.litchney@sandag.org](mailto:seth.litchney@sandag.org)).

Thank you,

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Dear Ms. Brown:

Subject: JVR Energy Park Notice of Preparation

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the County of San Diego's JVR Energy Park Notice of Preparation (NOP). The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is submitting comments based on the policies included in San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan (2015 Regional Plan). These policies will help provide people with more travel and housing choices, protect the environment, create healthy communities, and stimulate economic growth. Comments from SANDAG are submitted from a regional perspective emphasizing the need for better land use and transportation coordination.

**Binational Transportation Planning**

Please consider coordinating with SANDAG and Caltrans to discuss potential right-of-way impacts in relation to the potential Jacumba-Jacumé Port of Entry (POE). Additional information includes the following:

- In 2000, SANDAG conducted a feasibility study that analyzed a proposed new POE facility in the vicinity of the JVR Energy Park footprint. The proposed footprint of the JVR Energy Park may conflict with a POE as envisioned in the feasibility study. A recommendation of the feasibility study advised government agencies on both sides of the border to reserve right-of-way for the POE for inspections facilities and connecting roadways.
- The potential Jacumba-Jacumé POE also is included in the California-Baja California Border Master Plan Update, developed by SANDAG and submitted to Caltrans in 2014. The potential POE was included as additional infrastructure to increase future border throughput. The project remains in the conceptual stage, as envisioned in the Master Plan Update.
- Similarly, the State of Baja California, by way of the Secretary of Infrastructure and Urban Development, has expressed interest in pursuing further study on a POE facility along the international border between Jacumba-Jacumé. Potential project proponents in the U.S. would harmonize efforts with Mexican government agencies to align facility locations on either side of the border.

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Please discuss any roadway improvements or additional access road construction that would take place as a part of this project that may have additional benefits to existing or planned facilities in the area (e.g., Old Highway 80, Carrizo Gorge Road, Interstate 8).

### **Transportation Demand Management**

Please consider mitigating construction-related transportation impacts associated with the JVR Energy Park by incentivizing construction workers to carpool or vanpool to the project site. The SANDAG Vanpool Program provides a subsidy of up to \$400 per month for vanpooling. More information on available regional TDM programs including the Regional Vanpool Program and carpool resources can be accessed through [www.iCommuteSD.com](http://www.iCommuteSD.com).

### **Other Considerations**

SANDAG has a number of resources that can be used for additional information or clarification on topics discussed in this letter. These can be found on our website at [sandag.org](http://sandag.org):

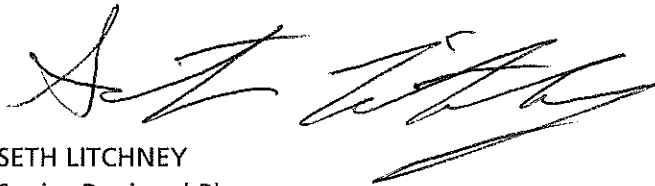
- Feasibility of Opening an International Border Crossing at Jacumba-Jacumé (June 2000)
- California-Baja California Border Master Plan Update (July 2014)
- Integrating Transportation Demand Management into the Planning and Development Process

When available, please send any additional environmental documents related to this project to:

Intergovernmental Review  
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We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the JVR Energy Park NOP. If you have any questions, please contact me at (619) 699-1943 or at [seth.litchney@sandag.org](mailto:seth.litchney@sandag.org).

Sincerely,



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