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Dear Ms. Morrison:

We have reviewed Notice of Preparation of a DEIR for your connection project and have no comments at this time. Please place us on your mailing list to receive future documents or mailings on this subject.

The Nature Conservancy is a non-profit, membership-supported organization with over 110,000 members in California. The Nature Conservancy is dedicated to solving critical conservation problems. Working in creative partnerships with business interests, local communities, private landowners and government agencies, The Nature Conservancy has safeguarded more than half a million acres of California land since 1954.

The Nature Conservancy has a strong commitment to conservation and farmland preservation within the corridor of the Cosumnes River. Since 1985, working in partnership with other non-profit organizations and governmental entities, including the County of Sacramento, The Nature Conservancy has established the Cosumnes River Preserve, a complex of over 6,000 acres of wetlands, riparian areas, and farmed lands along the lower Cosumnes River. In addition, TNC currently holds under option the 4,300 acre Valensin Ranch, a property in the Cosumnes corridor which straddles Highway 99.

The Nature Conservancy continues to work on an ongoing basis to improve the ecological health of the Cosumnes River system. While the Conservancy recognizes the appropriateness and need for additional urban and recreational development within the watershed of the Cosumnes, our hope is that development within the corridor will be designed and located in a manner which minimizes negative impacts and, where possible, contributes positively to the overall health of the river system.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Eaton
Cosumnes River Project Director