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re: Foothill-South Toll Road CZMA Consistency Certification
(Hearing Date, February 6, 2008) – *OPPOSITION*

Honorable Members of the California Coastal Commission:

Antelope Valley Conservancy respectfully asks you to deny consistency certification for the Foothill-South Toll Road.

The Toll Road would run through Donna O'Neill Conservancy lands established as compensatory mitigation. If compensatory mitigations are not respected or sustained, where is our compliance with state and federal environmental protection laws?

In fact, the Toll Road is not consistent with Coastal Act goals, as the project:

- Fails to protect listed species' habitat
- Threatens water quality
- Destabilizes coastal bluffs, and
- Bisepts a State Park and an Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA)

Mankind's actions are no longer inert. Each of our choices is either part of the solution or part of the problem. We ask you to please take a strong stand for better solutions, and deny the application for consistency certification.

ANTELOPE VALLEY CONSERVANCY

by Wendy Reed
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