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The Eugene D. and Dolores Fortner Family Trust
Mr. Jimmie D. Fortner - Trustee
23315 8th. Street
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**RE: Vallecito Project Emergency Road Assessment Report
Catheys Valley, CA**

Dear Mr. Fortner,

As per your request, ESR, Inc. assessed the habitat conditions of the proposed secondary emergency road that exits the eastern edge of the Vallecito Project and connects back to Schoolhouse Road. The site visit was conducted on May 17, 2016. Please refer to the attached figure that depicts the approximate location of the proposed roadway route. ESR, Inc walked the entire length of the road alignment and determined that it would be placed entirely in upland habitat and that no wetlands, permanent or ephemeral streams or drainages, nor any other jurisdictional waters of the U.S. (WOUS) would be impacted by the placement of the road. It is our opinion that since WOUS would not be impacted, an Army Corps of Engineers 404 permit or a California Department of Fish and Wildlife Streambed Alteration Agreement is not warranted.

ESR, Inc. hopes this brief letter assists with the decision making process to make an informed decision regarding the lack of impact to any WOUS for the emergency roadway placement. If there are questions, or clarifications concerning this cost proposal, please do not hesitate to contact me at (559) 683-5335.

Sincerely,

ESR, Inc.

William Stolp

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Senior Biologist

Attachment: Road Alignment Figure

