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SR 246 DRIVEWAY DESIGN FOR SIERRA GRANDE RURAL RECREATION PROJECT

Dear Mr. Zorovich:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to clarify recommendations regarding driveway design that will serve as primary access for the proposed Sierra Grande Rural Recreation Project off of SR 246.

Additional review of the project details and coordination with Caltrans District 5 Traffic Operations, Design and Permit engineering staff has confirmed that Caltrans' maintains the position that a public road intersection be constructed as a condition of approval for this project. This is consistent with our March 3, 2015 letter. The design details of a public road intersection that include a right-turn taper onto and right-turn taper off the main highway can be found in Chapter 405.7 of the Highway Design Manual.

For additional permits and/or driveway design information, please visit our District 5 Encroachment Permit Branch website at: <http://dot.ca.gov/dist05/permit/index.htm>. Right-of-way maps or other supporting materials can be requested through submittal of a California Public Records Act Department of Transportation Request Form: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/legal/index.htm>.

Please direct design questions to District 5 Encroachment Permit Engineer Bruce Swanger at 805-549-3206 or bruce.swanger@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Streder".

Melissa Streder
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Attachment: March 3, 2015 Caltrans Letter

cc. Ron Kraemer, Paul McClintic, Carla Moreno, Bruce Swanger, Hana Mengsteab

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COMMENTS ON THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE SIERRA GRANDE RURAL RECREATION PROJECT

Dear Mr. Zorovich:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the MND for the Sierra Grande Rural Recreation Project. Caltrans offers the following comments:

1) During a visit to the site, Caltrans staff noted that the access from State Route (SR) 246 is a low level, "Arizona crossing" of the Santa Ynez River bed. Caltrans staff also discovered a sign along this access road instructing travelers to use US 101 when the river is flooded. For safety and operational reasons, Caltrans is opposed to any intensification of use of the at-grade intersection of US 101 for this project. In early discussions, it was agreed that "there will be no 101 access, except for emergency vehicles and that if access off 246 is impassable due to a rain event, the ropes course and zipline would not be in operation" (email from Jane Gray, October 3, 2014). We do not find this language in the project description and it is important that it be a condition of the project's approval.

2) Given that the land use of the driveway on SR 246 will be changing from private to public use, it is important that a "public road intersection" on SR 246 be constructed as a condition of approval for the project. In addition to facilitating public use of the driveway, it will also provide better sight distance to see motorists and bicyclists along SR 246. While the project description mentions the driveway improvement on page 1, for purposes of clarity and since the improvement will be on State right of way, we would like to request language that the driveway be constructed through an encroachment permit with Caltrans.

We appreciate your attention on this project and are here to answer any questions; further, we request to be notified of any public hearings on the project. Please feel free to contact me at (805) 549-3131 or adam.fukushima@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Fukushima".

Adam Fukushima, PTP
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