

## ATTACHMENT 4

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 02, 2016 12:22 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Sierra Grande Project Streambed Alteration Agreement

Sarah,

Thank you for speaking with us and for the subsequent email received on Friday, May, 20, 2016, in regards to the Sierra Grande Zipline Project. As we discussed on the phone, the proposed project includes the following components:

- A zipline course consisting of 20 zipline poles located on the hillside of an existing ranch.
- A ropes course located on the flatter portion of the site that would be designed and constructed through the crowns of mature oak trees.

Based on the phone call and the subsequent email, we understand the following as it relates to access to the site, ephemeral streams, and traffic levels:

- **Access to the project site**
  - As we discussed, the existing private driveway and Arizona crossing will be used to access the property where the project is located.
  - The existing crossing is not part of the proposed development as it is already permitted through a Streambed Alteration Agreement (2006-0344 Agreement) with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. It is our understanding that the applicant for the project does not need to notify the Department of Fish and Wildlife to use this crossing in conjunction with the project.
  - Your email states that if there are any future modifications proposed to the existing crossing, the applicant will be required to submit a notification to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. This process would be done through a separate action by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- **Ephemeral Streams**
  - Based on our conversation, the applicant had a biological report prepared (see attached) that indicates that there are no jurisdictional ephemeral streams that would be affected by the construction and operation of the zipline course.
  - Based on our conversation and the subsequent biological report, staff will be recommending that a Condition of Approval be placed on the project requiring the applicant to submit a notification to the Department of Fish and Wildlife to determine if a Streambed Alteration Agreement would be needed. This process would be conducted separately through the CDFW Streambed Alteration Agreement notification process as a separate action.
  - The Condition of Approval that we are considering adding is as follows:
    - Prior to Zoning Clearance for the construction of the zip line and ropes courses, the Owner/Applicant shall provide evidence to the County of initiating the Streambed Alteration Agreement notification process with CDFW. Prior to the issuance of a Building Permit for the construction of the zip line and ropes courses, the Owner/Applicant shall submit evidence that the Streambed Alteration Agreement has been completed, if required.
- **Traffic**

- Staff estimates the existing traffic volume over the existing Arizona crossing to be approximately 100 trips per day. This estimate is based on the current ranch operations that are conducted on the project site as well as on adjacent agricultural properties that also use this crossing.
- The zipline project's maximum estimated trip generation is approximately 84 trips per day. Approximately 16 of those trips would occur during both the A.M. and P.M. peak hours, and the remaining 52 daily trips would be distributed throughout the day.
- Due to the estimated low traffic volumes, the MND determined that the project would not add a substantial amount of traffic to the driveway or the existing crossing, nor would it result in congested conditions on the driveway and on the crossing.

We appreciate your time and attention on this matter. We have internal deadlines that we are trying to meet in order to have this project considered by our Board of Supervisors later this month. If you could, let me know by tomorrow, June 3, 2016, if you have any further questions and if you concur with our understandings listed above.

Respectfully,

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