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Planning Commission

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FROM:

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RE:

Tentative Parcel Map TM14-1519/Carson Creek Unit 3

Deletion of Condition 29

## Background:

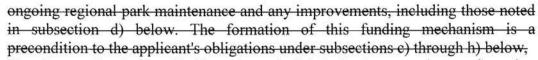
On May 19, 2015, Lennar Homes of California, LLC (applicant) filed an application with El Dorado County Planning Services for a Tentative Subdivision Map (TM) to create 140 agerestricted single family residential lots, four lettered lots for landscaping, drainage and utilities, one roadway lot, and to establish Single Family High Density zoning. The applicant also requested design waivers of the Design and Improvement Standard Manual road standards and Carson Creek Specific Plan development standards. The staff report and exhibits were forwarded to the Planning Commission on June 12, 2015.

After the report was forwarded to the Commission, staff became aware of a request by the applicant to delete condition of approval 29 as this condition is no longer applicable to Units 1, 2, and 3 of the Carson Creek Specific Plan (CCSP).

## Discussion:

Staff is requesting deletion of the following condition of approval 29 as shown in the staff report. This condition is a mitigation measure from the CCSP Environmental Impact Report.

- The project applicant shall undertake the following activities to encourage construction of the 30-acre regional park as soon as feasible:
  - The applicant shall rough grade the regional park site and shall construct a chipand seal road to the park site within 60 days of recording of the first final subdivision map for Euer Ranch (Phase 1).
  - The County intends to form a county- or region-wide financing mechanism such as an El Dorado Hills ("EDH") regional park district or zone of benefit to pay for



- c) The Carson Creek Specific Plan Area shall join in the agreed-upon financing mechanism.
- d) The applicant shall seek to annex the Carson Creek Specific Plan Area into EID in order to obtain the necessary water resources for the regional park; reclaimed water shall be used to the extent feasible to water the ballfields but potable water is necessary for drinking fountains.
- e) The applicant shall advance funds or conduct a nexus study for the regional park assessment district or other agreed upon formed financing mechanism within 120 days.
- f) The applicant shall advance funds, within 180 days after the County approves the first tentative map for Phase 2 of the Carson Creek Specific Plan Area, to pay for completing the following:
  - 1) grading 20 acres for ball fields per County specifications;
  - 2) installing chip-and-seal parking area at the regional park;
  - 3) installing potable and reclaimed water lines to the regional park;
    - 4) obtaining EDUs for EID water and/or installing a well-water system;
    - 5) installing shielded sports lighting on 15 acres of ball fields;
  - 6) installing restrooms, bleachers, and concession stands; and
    - 7) installing drainage system, irrigation system, and turf on 15 acres of ballfields.
  - g) The applicant's contributions noted above in subsections a), e), and f) shall be considered a loan, which shall be paid back by the assessment district or other approved financing mechanism upon the sale of the bonds necessary to construct the facility.

This condition was also applied to Euer Ranch and Units 1 and 2 Tentative Maps of the CCSP; although the Unit 2 map revision (TM06-1428-R) is requesting the deletion of this condition as well in the next item on your agenda. As part of the 37 acres of parks contemplated in the CCSP, a 30-acre Regional Park is designated in the southernmost portion of the Carson Creek Specific Plan (Attachment 1). The park site was annexed into the El Dorado Hills Community Service District (EDHCSD) service area in 2003 and is currently designated as Community Park in the district's 2007 Parks and Facilities Master Plan. The lot for the park (APN 117-570-18) has been created as part of the Large Lot Final Map for the Unit 1 Tentative Map recorded in July 2014.

Although the land has been set aside, this condition has yet to be implemented. Staff has coordinated with both El Dorado County Park and Trail Department (Department) and EDHCSD in an effort to solicit interest and participation in implementing the condition. The Department has not prioritized the site as part of its future recreational park plans and, therefore, no financing mechanism or zone of benefit has been established for the regional park. However, the Department, which administers the County-portion of the Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor (SPTC) trail that borders the park site along the southwestern perimeter, has expressed

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interest in potentially having a future connection to the park from the trail as well as utilizing a portion of the site for vehicular parking for trail patrons.

Although the park site is within the service area, EDHCSD has not expressed interest in the implementation of the park. The EDHCSD reiterates that the condition involves the construction of a Regional Park typically undertaken through the County capital improvement project process, while EDHCSD focuses its resources on managing and maintaining neighborhood and community level recreational parks.

While a regional park could provide an opportunity for active recreational use by the general public, the 30-acre active park may not meet the recreational needs of the seniors and elderly residents of Carson Creek, who commonly prefer a clubhouse, passive recreational park, and multi-use trails.

Given its remote location at the southern end of the specific plan area, direct and convenient access to the park is limited, thereby affecting its usability. The site is approximately one mile south of proposed Unit 3 subdivision. Currently, there is no pedestrian or vehicular access to the site; however, the Unit 2 map proposes vehicular stubs in the southernmost portion of the map that could provide future connectivity.

Based on the above information, staff has determined Condition of Approval 29 to be impractical and infeasible as currently written, and poses challenges in being implemented. The applicant has acknowledged the intent of the condition and is willing to work with the County and/or involved agencies for the implementation of the park as contemplated in the CCSP or an alternative recreational use.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that Condition 29 be deleted from the conditions of approval included in the staff report for Carson Creek Unit 3 (TM14-1519).

## Attachment:

Attachment 1......Carson Creek Large Lot Map

