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Indian Creek Ranch

Mitigated Negative Declaration for Rezoning, Tentative Subdivision Map, and Design Waivers

SCH No. 2008112023

Ms. Claudia Wade  
County of El Dorado  
2850 Fairlane Court  
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Ms. Wade,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration for Rezoning, Tentative Subdivision Map, and Design Waivers for the 182.83 acre Indian Creek Ranch project proposing 75 single family residential lots sized from 1.00 to 5.02 acres, 11 open space lots, and one "remaining" lot. The project is located north of US Highway 50 (US 50) between US 50/El Dorado Road and US 50/Missouri Flat Road interchanges. Our comments are:

- The project should be assessed appropriate fees per the El Dorado County 2004 General Plan Traffic Impact Mitigation fee program. This program is collecting funds for improvements to US 50 in El Dorado County, including future improvements to the US 50/El Dorado Road interchange, and the improvements under construction at the US 50/Missouri Flat Road interchange.
- A coordination meeting between Caltrans and El Dorado County was held on September 17, 2008, to determine whether the spacing between the US 50/El Dorado Road interchange and the proposed Indian Creek access onto Echo Lane meets spacing standards. Additionally, safety and operational conditions that would trigger interchange improvements were discussed. When the existing US 50/El Dorado eastbound ramp becomes more congested before the interchange improvements are constructed, an all way

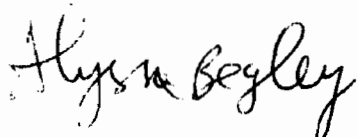
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stop control may be necessary, or a right in /right out access only to/from Echo Lane with a raised median. To eliminate Echo Lane's future safety, operational, or spacing issues, Sundance Trail should be considered the main access to Indian Creek Ranch, instead of an optional or secondary access.

- Thank you for providing the October 10, 2007 Traffic Impact Study to us on December 3, 2008. We are now reviewing this document, and will provide comments as appropriate.
- An Encroachment Permit will be required for any work conducted in the State's right of way such as sign placement, traffic control, light installation, culvert maintenance, or drainage pattern changes. A cost estimate for the work within the State's right of way will be reviewed to determine whether it triggers the need for a "project funded by others" designation. Maintenance of landscaping or sidewalks built within the State's right of way becomes the responsibility of the local jurisdiction. To secure an application, please contact Encroachment Permits Central Office at (530) 741-4403.

Please provide our office with copies of any further actions regarding this development. If you have any questions, please call La Nae Van Valen at (916) 274-0637.

Sincerely,



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cc: State Clearinghouse