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Subject: Response to review of the Draft CEQA Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration – Meyers Stream Environment Zone/ Erosion Control Project

Dear Mr. Fredericks:

Thank you for your time to review the County of El Dorado Community Development Agency, Transportation Division's (CDA-TD) Draft CEQA Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration submittal for the Meyers Stream Environment Zone/ Erosion Control Project (Project). CDA-TD acknowledges receipt of your comments via email with an attached letter dated April 27, 2016.

Provided below are the responses to the comments listed in your email.

1. CEQA IS/MND Comments below **Hydraulics** heading:
On page 3, the IS/MND states, "Proposed improvements along the drainage easement include removing trees, vegetation and debris for improved channel efficiency and functionality; and, diversion/ check dams to re-wet the meadow, slow flow velocities, pond, spread, promote infiltration, and reduce sediment transport downstream." What would be the potential impact of these actions on water surface elevations in ditches/ drainage facilities within State's Right of Way (ROW)?

Response: Final design will determine final elevations and ensure Caltrans infrastructure will not be negatively impacted by the proposed improvements. CDA-TD will continue to coordinate with Caltrans and distribute the 95% plans for review and comment in the near future.

The IS/MND also states on page 3, "Approximately 575 acres of watershed drain to the nine acre meadow with the majority of the contribution entering from the State's storm drain system at Apache Ave. and Santa Fe Rd." Proposed alterations within the 9-acre meadow could potentially increase water surface elevations within State's ROW. The study should include a hydraulic model for the area, and the design of the water quality project must also include water surface elevations in pre-project and post-project conditions.

Please provide a copy of the Drainage Report, which includes the hydrology for the 575 acres contributing runoff to the 9-acre parcel, to Arthur Murray for review.

Response: Caltrans Project Manager, Rod Murphy was included in the Project

Development Team meeting which took place on January 12, 2016. The meeting involved discussions and specifics of this Project including the Project Feasibility Report and the engineering analysis. A notice to Mr. Murphy was sent along with the electronic link to download the document. Appendix C of the Feasibility Report contains the hydrology and hydraulics technical analysis. The document is available for download at

http://www.edcgov.us/DOT/TahoeEngineering/Documents/Meyers_Feasibility_Report.aspx

2. CEQA IS/MND Comments below **Encroachment Permit** heading:

Please be advised that any work or traffic control that would encroach onto State ROW, including US 50 and SR 89, requires an encroachment permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, a completed encroachment permit application, environmental documentation, and five sets of plans clearly indicating State ROW must be submitted to the address below.

*Charles Laughlin
California Department of Transportation
District 3 Office of Permits
703 B Street Marysville, CA 95901*

Traffic-related mitigation measures should be incorporated into the construction plans prior to the encroachment permit process. See the website link below for more information. <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits>. Please provide our office with copies of any further actions regarding this project. We would appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on any changes related to this development.

Response: No work or traffic control devices are anticipated on US 50/ SR 89. All work and traffic control measures are planned only within County subdivisional areas and/or ROW. Should this change, CDA-TD will file the appropriate information.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (530) 573-7920 or by email at donaldo.palaroan@edcgov.us.

Sincerely,



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