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Diamond Springs Community Park project DEIR

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To: vickie.sanders@edgov.us

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To: Vickie Sanders

From: Larry Rolla
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Subject: Diamond Springs Community Park project DEIR

Included is my feedback on the DS Community Park DEIR. I have included the section and the paragraph for the associated comments. My comments follow the paragraph(s) and are labeled with my name.

3.12 – TRANSPORTATION**3.12.2.2 State**

California Department of Transportation The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) manages the state's highway facilities. Caltrans is responsible for constructing, enhancing, and maintaining the state highway and interstate freeway systems. Any change to the state roadway system requires an encroachment permit from Caltrans.

As stated in the Transportation and Circulation Element, the Route Concept Report, State Route 49 contains the 20-year improvement concept for SR 49. The route concept recognizes the unique nature of SR 49 in terms of historical and topographic constraints, which preclude the possibility of significantly improving the highway on its 3.12 – TRANSPORTATION DIAMOND SPRINGS COMMUNITY PARK PROJECT 12287.06 SEPTEMBER 2023 3.12-4 existing alignment. As such, SR 49 would remain a two-lane conventional highway through El Dorado County. Some improvements, such as widening to the Caltrans 40-foot pavement standard, are identified to achieve the full concept facility. The concept LOS is F south of the community of El Dorado and through the city of Placerville. All other segments have a concept service level of LOS E. Ultimately, some segments would require widening to four lanes or spot improvements (i.e., passing lanes or improvements for bicycle and pedestrian travel).

Senate Bill 743

On September 27, 2013, Senate Bill (SB) 743 was signed into law, which created a process to change the way transportation impacts are analyzed under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). SB 743 required the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to amend the CEQA Guidelines to provide an alternative to level of service (LOS) as the metric for evaluating transportation/traffic impacts. Under the new transportation guidelines, LOS or vehicle delay, is no longer considered an environmental impact under CEQA. Amendments to the CEQA Guidelines required under SB 743 were approved on December 28, 2018, and the new section 15064.3 identifies vehicle miles traveled (VMT) as the most appropriate measure of transportation impacts under CEQA and is currently being implemented as of July 1, 2020. Related legislation, SB 32 (2016) requires California to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. The California Air Resources Board has determined that it is not possible to achieve this goal without reducing VMT growth and specifically California needs to reduce per capita VMT across all economic sectors. SB 743 is primarily focused on passenger-cars and the reduction in per capita VMT as it relates to individual trips. The OPR Technical Advisory (OPR 2018) provides guidance and tools to properly carry out the principles within SB 743 and how to evaluate transportation impacts in CEQA. The County of El Dorado has adopted VMT thresholds as described in Section 3.12.2.3.

<Larry Rolla comments below>

With the passing of Measure E by the voters in El Dorado county, LOS is still a measurement we use in evaluating traffic impact with new developments.

VMT is a car emissions measurement which does not measure the traffic that would be generated by this park. LOS is a requirement of the General Plan and without a LOS traffic measurement and possible mitigation, this DEIR is incomplete and should be sent back

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is going to pay for these improvements? Since this is a county project then the improvements would be at the taxpayers expense. We need to know the dollar figure for these improvements before we decide to go forward with this project.

We also need a table of information with three columns showing 1) today's existing traffic LOS information, 2) today's LOS + project and future approved housing projects, and finally 3) LOS after recommended improvements are made so we can understand how the recommended improvements will bring the intersections into compliance with the General Plan. The county is looking at future legal actions if traffic LOS information and possible mitigation is not addressed as part of this DEIR.

How was the LOS for this park calculated and were there different LOS calculations for normal park activities versus tournament park activity? I find it hard to believe that traffic LOS during a tournament would not require some sort of traffic mitigation on Oak Dell and Hwy49.

I also can't believe that we are not looking at alternative ways in / out of the park. All traffic for this park will need to use Oak Dell Road. This is unacceptable with this location and the existing traffic on Hwy 49.

Respectfully,

Larry Rolla

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Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 5:05 PM

Vickie,

I sent my comments regarding the DS Community Park on 10/23 but never received an acknowledgement that they were received. Can you please confirm that you received my email?

Thank you,

Larry Rolla

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Public comment BOS Rcvd
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Diamond Springs Community Park, EIR

Mark Hicks <vluntr@comcast.net>

Thu 12/7/2023 1:12 PM

To: BOS-Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Dear Board of Supervisors;

I'm writing to suggest you certify the final EIR for the park project. We need more parks and recreation spaces in our community. We're 100% in favor of the project.

Thank you.

Mark Hicks

Diamond Springs