

Findings

Based on the review and analysis of this project by staff and affected agencies, and supported by discussion in the staff report and evidence in the record, the following findings can be made:

1.0 CEQA FINDINGS

- 1.1 Pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21166 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, approval of the revisions to the approved tentative map certified under a Environmental Impact Report (EIR), do not require additional CEQA review, as no substantial changes are being made to the approved tentative map or conditions of approval. No new environmental impacts will result from the approval of the revised tentative map that were not already addressed under the EIR.
- 1.2 The documents and other materials which constitute the record of proceedings upon which this decision is based are in the custody of the Development Services Department - Planning Services at 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA, 95667.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

2.1 El Dorado County General Plan

The El Dorado County General Plan designates the subject site as Adopted Plan (AP), a description in reference to areas where Specific Plans have been designated and adopted within and by the County. The Valley View Specific Plan and the respective land use maps are accepted and incorporated by reference and are hereby adopted as the General Plan Land Use map for the project area. The residential subdivision conforms to the specific policies in the Valley View Specific Plan, and subject to the mitigation measures in Environmental Impact Report. Therefore, the project is consistent with the General Plan.

2.2 Valley View Specific Plan and Zoning

The project has been verified for conformance with the specific policies and requirements of the Valley View Specific Plan. The residential subdivision meets the required density, residential product type, and applicable ER-2 development and design standards. Therefore, the project has been found to be consistent with the Valley View Specific Plan and the Estate Residential Zone District.

3.0 SUBDIVISION MAP FINDINGS

3.1 The proposed project is consistent with Title 16;

The proposed phasing plan is consistent with Section 16.28.010 of the County Subdivisions Ordinance allowing portions of an approved tentative map to be finalized at various stages. Timing of the subdivision agreements and construction improvements will be required “as may be necessary to form a logical and orderly development of the whole subdivision in units”, or phases.

3.2 That the proposed map is consistent with applicable general and specific plans;

The proposed project has been verified for conformance with applicable General Plan and Valley View Specific Policies including provisions relating to density, site and layout design, zone development standards, and amenities. The anticipated development shall be subject conformance with the approved Conditions of Approval and Mitigation Measures. Therefore, the project has been found to be consistent with the applicable El Dorado County General Plan and Valley View Specific Plan.

3.3 That the design or improvement of the proposed division is consistent with applicable general and specific plans;

The design and improvement of the subdivision has been designed in conformance with the identified residential land use requirements in the Specific Plan. Subsequent improvement plans, grading plans and other permit application shall be further reviewed in accordance with the applicable County standards and recommended conditions of approval/mitigation measures for this project. Therefore, the project has been found to be consistent with the applicable El Dorado County General Plan and Valley View Specific Plan design and improvements.

3.4 That the site is physically suitable for the type of development; and

3.5 That the site is physically suitable for the proposed density of development;

The site is physically suitable to accommodate the proposed type of development, density and improvements to accommodate the residential subdivision. The site contains moderate sloping topography with sparse vegetation. The tributaries within the project site shall be preserved with open space lots. Prior to any activity, the anticipated development would require various permit and plan approval, subject to review for consistency with the conditions of approval for the project by the County and affected agencies.

- 3.6 **That the design of the division or the proposed improvements are not likely to cause substantial environmental damage or substantial and avoidable injury to fish or wildlife or their habitat;**

Development of the subdivision would be subject to the applicable provisions of the Valley View Specific Plan, and the required mitigation measures originally evaluated under the certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Specific Plan. Off-site improvements associated with the project are not anticipated to have any significant environmental impacts and shall be further verified by the affected agency. Therefore, the project would have less than significant environmental impact, subject to the conditions of approval and mitigation measures imposed on the project.

- 3.7 **That the design of the division or the type of improvements would not cause serious public health hazards;**

The proposed development has been designed and conditioned to ensure no public hazard would occur. In accordance with the VVSP, the design and improvements would involve a controlled internal road systems, public utility services, on- and off-site amenities, and adequate vehicular accesses. Development of the project would be subject to improvement plans and permits verifying construction of utilities for water, sewer, power, drainage, and roads in accordance with the El Dorado County Design and Improvement Manual, County Grading Ordinance, VVSP, and the adopted EIR.

- 3.8 **That the design of the division or the improvements is suitable to allow for compliance of the requirements of section 4291 of the Public Resources Code;**

The development is subject to the applicable Specific Plan standards involving site design and maintenance of open areas susceptible to brush fires. Further, the subdivision is subject to specific project conditions from the El Dorado Hills Fire Department regulating location of on-site hydrant, construction of non-combustible fencing material, and preparation, submittal, and implementation of a Wildfire Management Plan. Therefore the proposed subdivision conforms to the requirements of Section 4291 of the Public Resource Code;

- 3.9 **That the design of the subdivision or the type of improvements will not conflict with easements, acquired by the public at large, for access through or use of property within the proposed subdivision. In this connection the approving authority may approve a map if it finds that alternate easements for access or for use will be provided and that these will be substantially equivalent to ones previously acquired by the public. This subsection shall apply only to easements of record or to easements established by judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction and no authority is granted to a legislative body to determine that the public at large has acquired easements for access through or use of property within the proposed subdivision. (Ord. 3805 §15, 1988: prior code §9702)**

Coupled with imposed project conditions, necessary utility and right-of-way easements for the project are appropriately depicted on the submitted plans and shall be further

verified for any conflicts by the County Surveyor's Office at the time of filing and approval of the Final Map for any portions of the approved tentative map.