

S15-0006/Georgetown Divide Community Signs – As approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 15, 2015

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 pursuant to Section 66472.1 of the California Government Code:

1.0 CEQA FINDINGS

- 1.1 This project is Categorical Exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303. Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures.
- 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.

2.0 GENERAL PLAN FINDINGS

- 2.1 As conditioned, and with adherence to Zoning Ordinance, the project is consistent with all applicable Policies of the General Plan, including:
 - 2.1.1 Objective 2.4.1 (community identity) because the project will establish a means for individual communities within the County to designate their name at main points of entry;
 - 2.1.2 Policy 2.6.1.3 (protection of scenic values) because the signs will not be located on a designated scenic highway nor will they be located where they would be visible from any of the important public scenic viewpoints identified in Table 5.3-1 and Exhibit 5.3-1 of the El Dorado County General Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report;
 - 2.1.3 Policy 10.1.6.4 (use of transient occupancy tax (TOT)) because the signs are funded by TOT generated revenue and will identify communities which will promote tourism, entertainment, business, and leisure travel in El Dorado County.

3.0 ZONING FINDINGS

3.1 The proposed use is consistent with Title 17

Section 130.16.060 of the Zoning Ordinance specifically allows community identity signs.

4.0 ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT

4.1 The issuance of the permit is consistent with the General Plan.

The proposed use is consistent with the policies and requirements in the El Dorado County General Plan and is consistent with all applicable policies as set forth in Finding 2.0.

4.2 The proposed use would not be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare, or injurious to the neighborhood.

The Transportation Division will inspect the location of each sign for line of sight to ensure that minimum sight distances are met. This would ensure that the signs would not be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare, or injurious to the neighborhood.

4.3 The proposed use is specifically permitted by special use permit pursuant to this Title.

Section 130.16.060 of the Zoning Ordinance specifically allows community identity signs. The project is being processed as a Special Use Permit as the County-owned signs are to be placed on private property. Consistent with Section 130.16.060, these signs are approved by the Board of Supervisors as the Board is the decision-making authority for all new Community Sign Programs.