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Subject: Response to review of the Draft CEQA Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration – Country Club Heights 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 Country Club Heights Erosion Control Project (Project). CDA-TD acknowledges receipt of your comments via email with the attached letter dated March 2, 2017.

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

1. CEQA IS/MND Comments below ***Hydraulics*** heading:

In the California Environmental Quality Act Checklist (Appendix A), Section IX (Item IX- E and Item-F Discussions) indicate that, "Once construction is complete and the erosion control and water quality improvement measures are in place, surface flows and volumes will likely be reduced from their existing condition and an improved storm water system will be in place." The Department requests the project's calculated project design flows, as well as quantified existing and post project flows.

A Drainage Report must be prepared which includes flow calculations, and which supports the design of the various methodologies adopted for improving water quality and for sizing culverts under the roads.

Response: El Dorado County completed a drainage study as part of the Project Feasibility Report. The report was submitted to Caltrans on October 14, 2016 (Report available for download from the County website (http://www.edcgov.us/DOT/TahoeEngineering/Documents/CCH_Feasibilty_Rpt_with_Errata.aspx) and Appendix B with the pre-project hydrology and hydraulic analysis (http://www.edcgov.us/DOT/TahoeEngineering/Documents/CCH_FeasRpt-Appendices_-_updated.aspx). The report contains the pre-project flows for each of the watersheds. The County is using the El Dorado County Drainage Manual to size the

storm drain pipes for this project and will provide a copy of the final design report based on the planned improvements once complete.

On page 8, Section 3.0 Environmental Setting and Site Characteristics, under "Hydrology" the draft MND states, "Of the six, two watersheds drain to the west under highway 50 towards the Meyers area and the remaining 4 watersheds draining to the northeast and east, where the flows will ultimately reach the Truckee River." These watersheds, including the location of the cross-culverts under US-50 should be identified on maps in Figures 17, 18, and 19.

Additionally, provide the flows being directed towards US-50 under existing and post project conditions.

Response: The document and figures will be updated to identify the existing pipe crossings under Highway 50 and to specifically callout the two watersheds (Watersheds A & B) which drain towards existing culverts under Highway 50. The existing flows from watersheds A & B are referenced in Appendix B of the County Project Feasibility Report (http://www.edcgov.us/DOT/TahoeEngineering/Documents/CCH_FeasRpt-Appendices_-_updated.aspx). There are no proposed drainage improvements within watersheds A & B, and as a result, there will be no increase or decrease of the flows to the culverts crossing Highway 50 as a result of the Project.

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

In the CEQA Checklist (Appendix A), Section XVI (Item XVI-E Discussion) states, "At some locations, temporary lane closures may be necessary to facilitate Project construction; however at no time would access for local residents, school buses, or emergency vehicles be prohibited. Traffic controls will only be implemented during work hours and when it is necessary to perform work." Please be advised that any work or traffic control that would encroach onto the State Right of Way (ROW) 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/>

Response: No work or traffic control devices are anticipated to encroach onto US 50/ SR 89. All work and traffic control measures are planned only within County sub-

divisional areas and/or ROW. Should this change, CDA-TD will file the appropriate information.

3. CEQA IS/MND Comments below ***Transportation Management Plan (TMP)*** heading:

If it is determined that traffic restrictions and detours are needed on or affecting State highways, a TMP or construction Traffic Impact Study may be required of the developer for approval by Caltrans prior to construction. TMPs must be prepared in accordance with Caltrans' Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Further information is available for download at the following web address:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/signtech/mutcdsupp/pdf/camutcd2012/Part6.pdf>

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. Also note that the web address came back as a broken link. I was able to find the information at the following web address:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/camutcd/docs/CAMUTCD2012-Part6.pdf>

We thank you for your comments regarding the Country Club Heights Erosion Control Project. The County will continue to inform Caltrans of the progress of the Project through Project Delivery Team (PDT) meetings. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (530) 573-7914 or by email at daniel.kikkert@edcgov.us.

Sincerely,



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