

Montano De El Dorado Phase I and II Master Plan Project

File Number: Z15-0002/P15-0006/PD15-0004/S17-0015

Planning Commission, March 25, 2021

Planning and Building Department - Planning Division



Agenda/Purpose

Provide the Planning Commission with Information and Recommendations for both the Project and the Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Presenters:

Tom Purciel – Project Planner, Planning Division

Vinal Perkins – Applicant

Pat Angell – Principal, Ascent Environmental Consulting (EIR Consultant)



Agenda/Purpose (Cont.)

- Staff Recommendation Summary (Staff)
- Project Overview (Applicant and Staff)
- Requested Entitlements (Staff)
- Topics of Community Interest and Public Comments (Staff)
- Environmental Review Process (EIR Consultant)
- Staff Recommendations (Staff)



Staff Recommendation Summary



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- 1. Adopt Resolution (Exhibit G) to Certify the Project EIR, adopt the Project Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) and adopt the Statement of Overriding Considerations consistent with Sections 15091, 15092 and 15093 of the CEQA Guidelines;
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Project Overview



Project Location (Exhibits A and B)



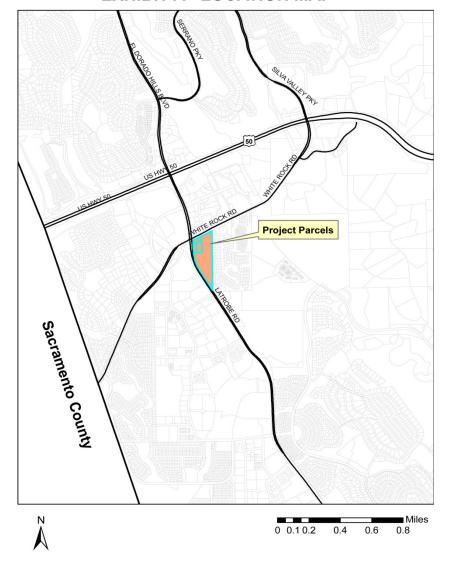
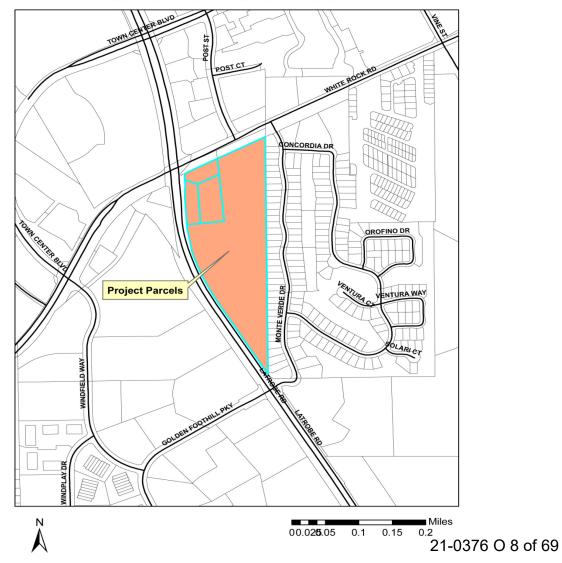
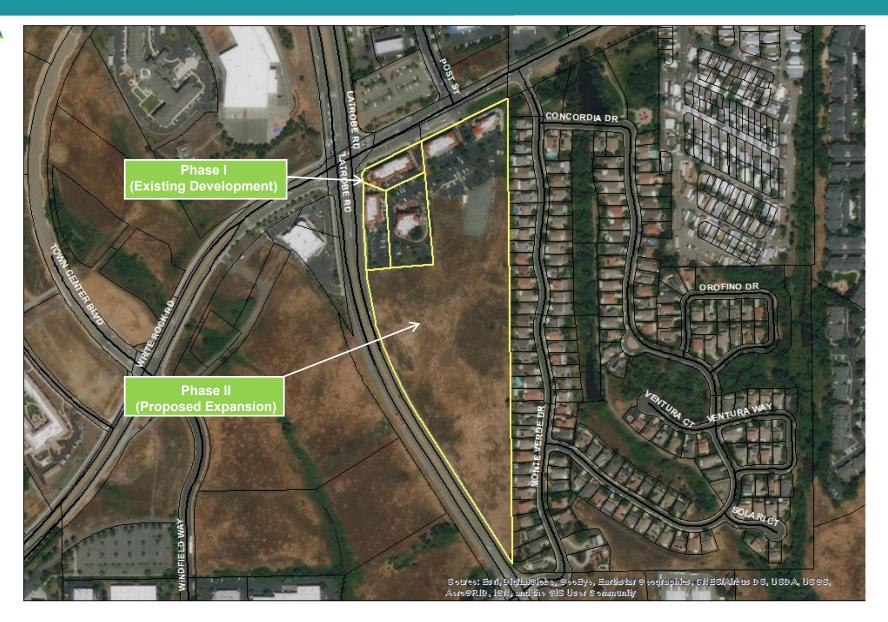


EXHIBIT B - VICINITY MAP





Site Aerial Photo (Exhibit C)





General Plan and Zoning Maps (Exhibits E and F)

EXHIBIT E - GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP

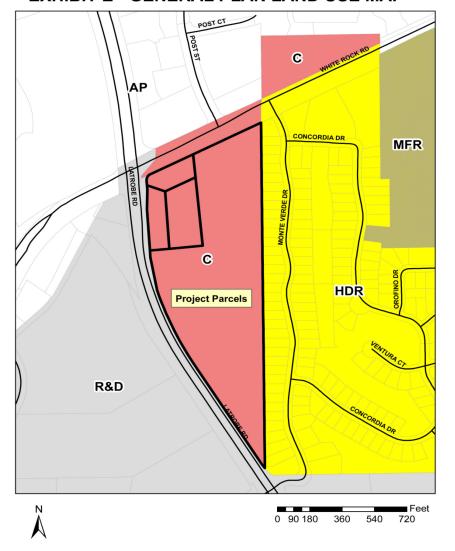
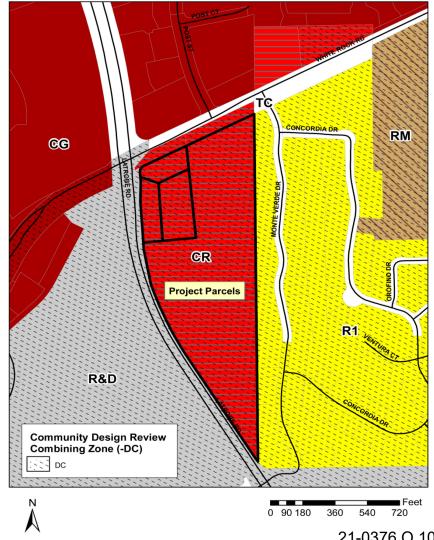


EXHIBIT F - ZONING MAP





MONTANO DE EL DORADO MASTERPLAN

Applicant Overview



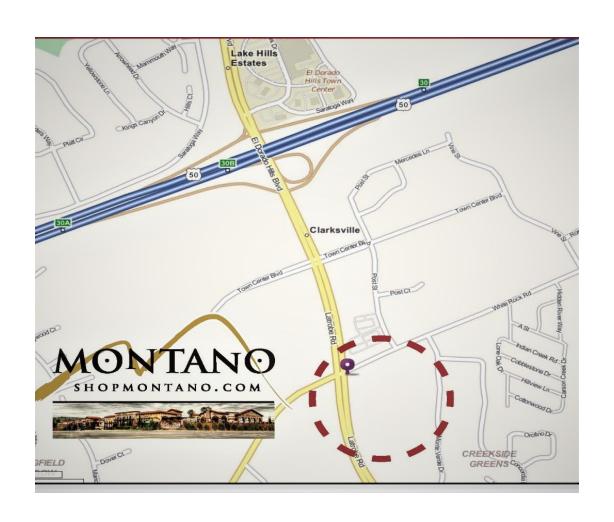
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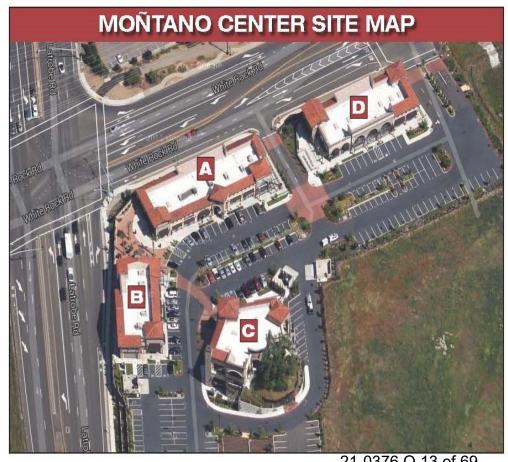
Phase 1 2007

US Bank 2012



S/E CORNER OF WHITE ROCK AND LATROBE ROADS

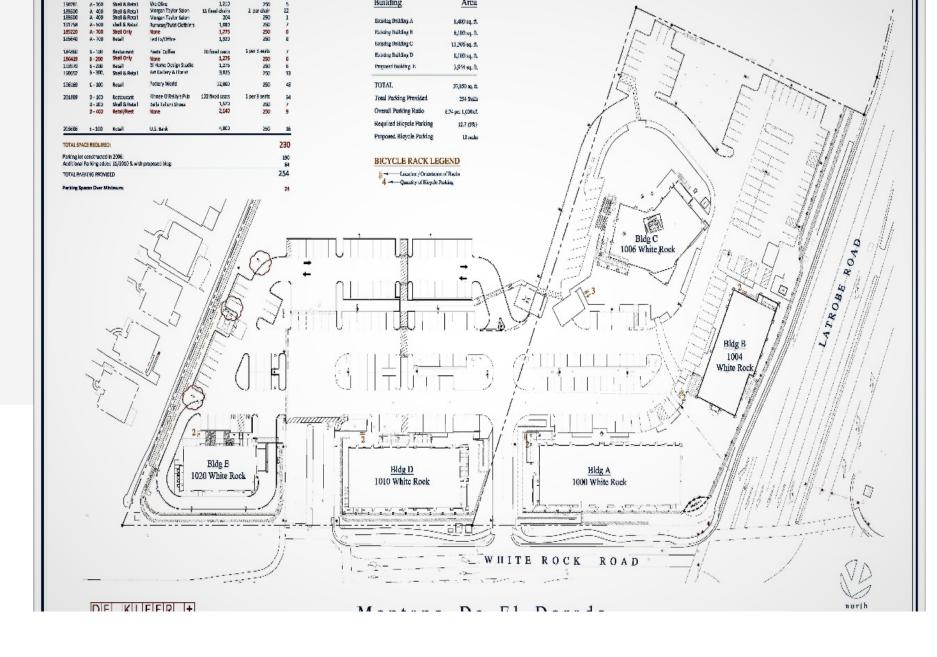




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PHASE 1 (AS BUILTS)





CENTRAL EDH BUSINESS NODE

- Centralized EDH Business District
- Town Center Across the Street
- 1 Mile Straight Shot to Folsom Ranch (West)
- ½ Mile to Hwy 50 (North)



MONTAÑO DE EL DORADO

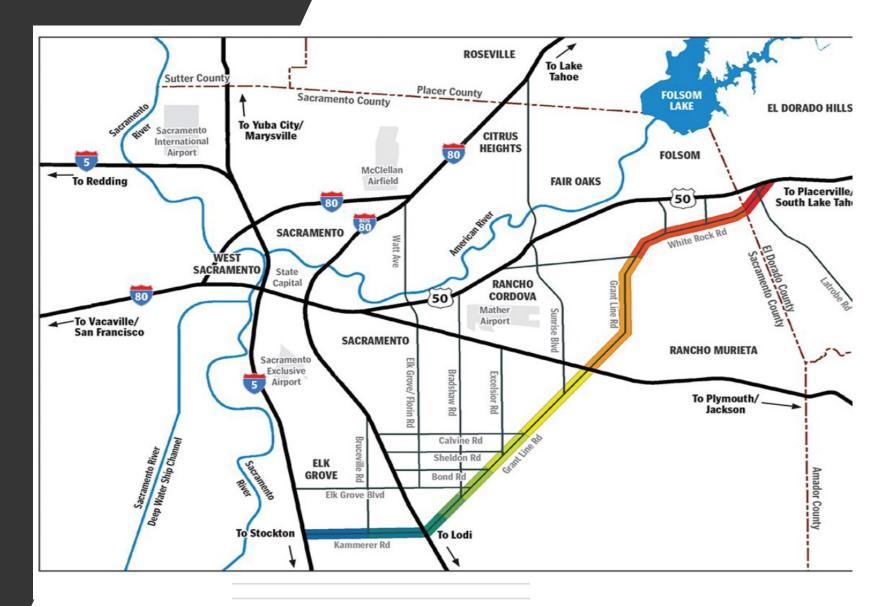
FOLSOM RANCH

CHOICE:
Shop Local
Shop EDH
(if we can compete)



JPA
PARKWAY
&
Folsom
South

CAPTURE THE AUDIENCE





HOTEL ROOM COMPARISON WITHIN 3 MILES

FOLSOM







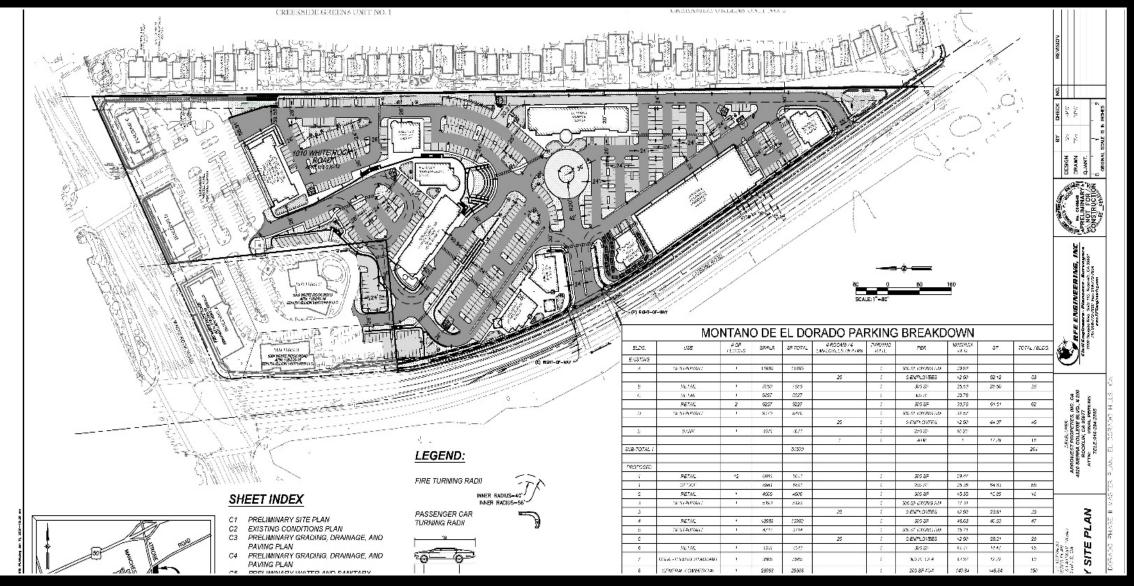






EL DORADO HILLS





MONTANO DE EL DORADO SITE PLAN

Montano De El Dorado

The Place Above

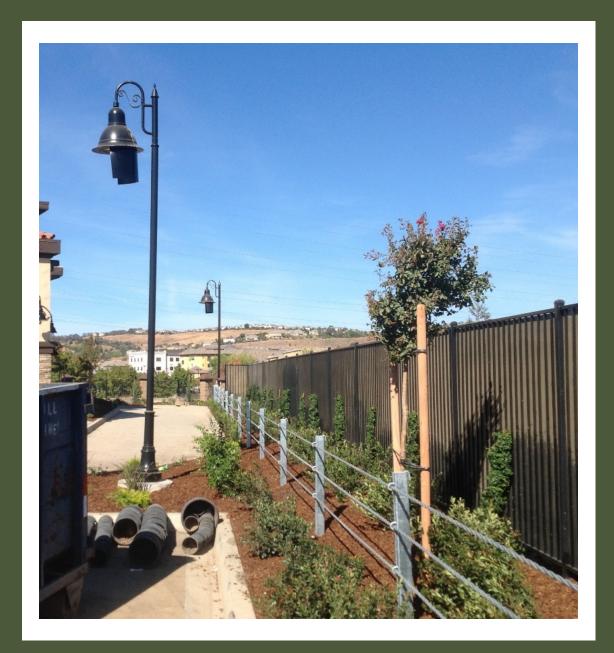










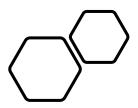




Buildings back up to the Road (or are those fronts??)







COMMUNITY PAVILION

NOISE/AMBIENT SOUND REDUCTION

- Built into Hillside
- Presentation Tier 15-ft Below Grade
- Noise Deadening Wall Material
- Angled Away From Residential Area
- Overhead Noise Dampening Umbrella
- After-Hours Noise Restrictions
- Plaza Managed To Ensure Compliance



1. Sound Barrier /Acoustic Panels along side walls:

These are all-weather sound panels that can be applied along both side walls of the amphi theater. These panels are not just "sound absorbing" but also "sound blocking" to potentially mitigate low frequency sounds (30-100 HZ).

2. Tensioned Fabric Structure / Acoustic Canopy Feature:

Not only protection from the elements, but will strategically absorb and bounce reflected sounds back to the turf seating areas.

3. Trees-Shrubs and Berms as Noise Barrier :

An advantage to using trees and plants as noise blockers is that they absorb sounds best in the high frequencies that people find most annoying.

Use of Evergreen trees and shrubs provide year-round sound/noise reduction. Broadleaf evergreens are more effective than narrow-leaf plants and conifers. The combination of berms and dense planting can reduce noise by as much as 6 to 15 decibels.









ARCHITECTURE

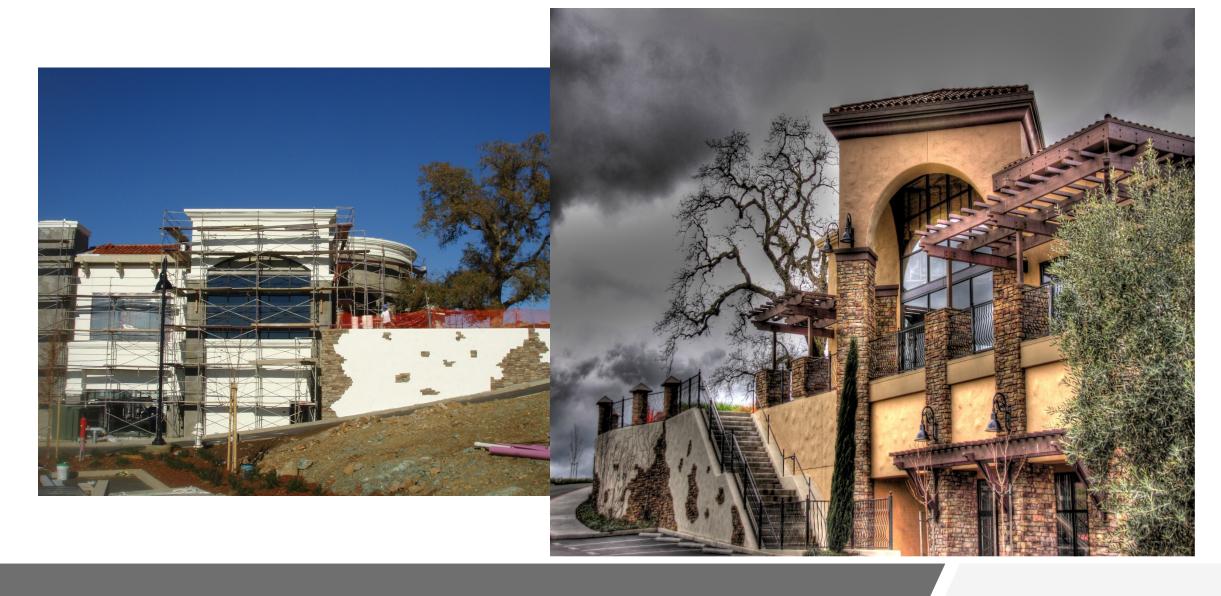


BEFORE AND AFTER 2012 -2021

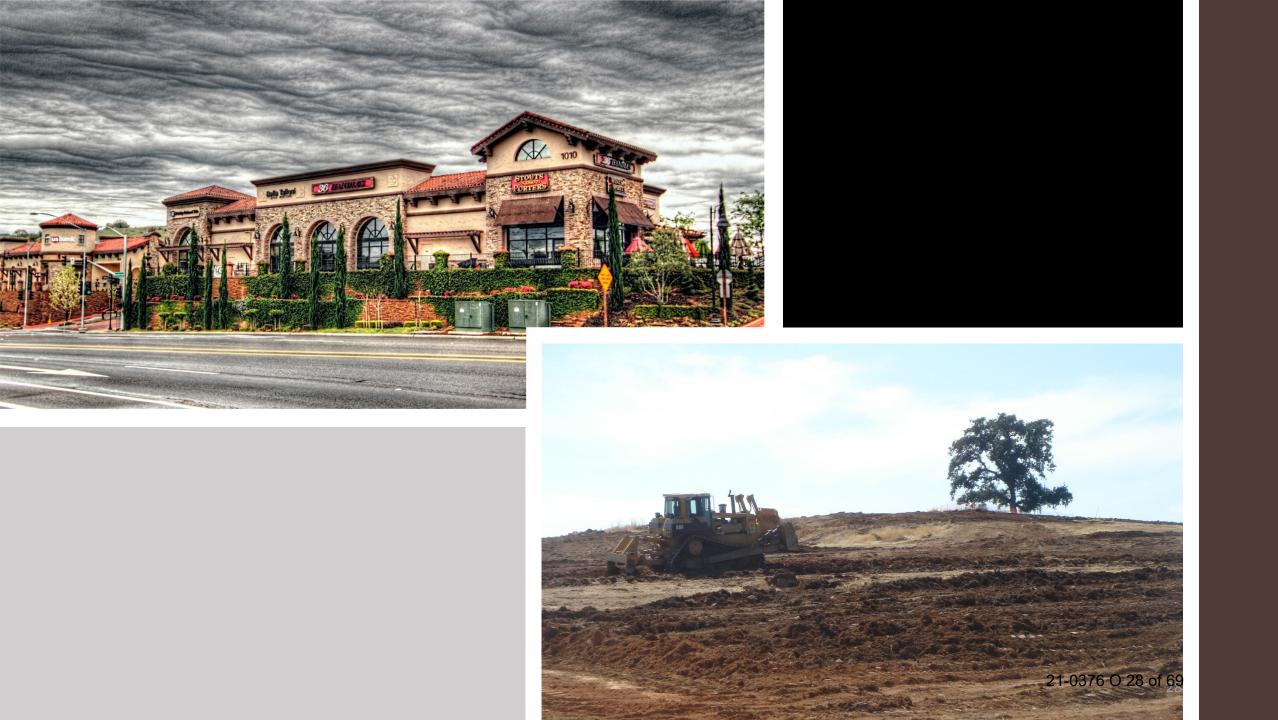
Wall at Property Line between US Bank and Monte Verde







POTTERY WORLD BUILDING 2007-2021



Peets Coffee/Sotheby's Real Estate/BI Design (Backing up to Latrobe Road) 2007-2021













THANK YOU



Existing Commercial Center (Montano De El Dorado Phase I)

- Five buildings and four separate parcels on 20.1-acres
- 39,645 square feet of commercial floor area
- 241 parking spaces
- Outdoor lighting, landscaping, signage
- Existing Use Permits:
 - Outdoor music/Relish Burger Bar (\$12-0005) - approved in 2013
 - Dentist office (CUP18-0008) approved in 2018
 - Temporary Use Permits (TUPs) for outdoor events (2013-present)



Phase I (Existing Development)

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Proposed Expansion (Montano De El Dorado Phase II)

- Nine additional commercial buildings and 11 additional parcels on a 16.1-acre parcel
- Approx. 80,000 sf of new commercial floor area
- A 55,136 sf boutique hotel
- Small community pavilion
- 526 additional parking spaces
- Outdoor lighting, landscaping, signage similar to Phase I



Phase II (Proposed Expansion)

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Proposed Expansion (Montano De El Dorado Phase II) (Cont.)

- Soundwall/landscaping along east boundary to buffer from existing residents (Exhibit R)
- On and off-site "wet" and "dry" utility improvements, including off-site wastewater connections (Exhibit U)
- Proposed Conditional Use Permit \$17-0015:
 - Office uses in Phases I and II
 - Outdoor events consistent with Outdoor Special Events Plan (Exhibit I)
 - Will not affect existing Phase I CUPs



Phase II (Proposed Expansion)

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Proposed Expansion (Montano De El Dorado Phase II) (Cont.)

<u>Transportation and Circulation</u> <u>Improvements</u>:

- New signalized intersection and new project driveway on Latrobe Road (Exhibit H)
- New right-in/right-out driveway near south corner of site
- New internal driveway connections to Phase I

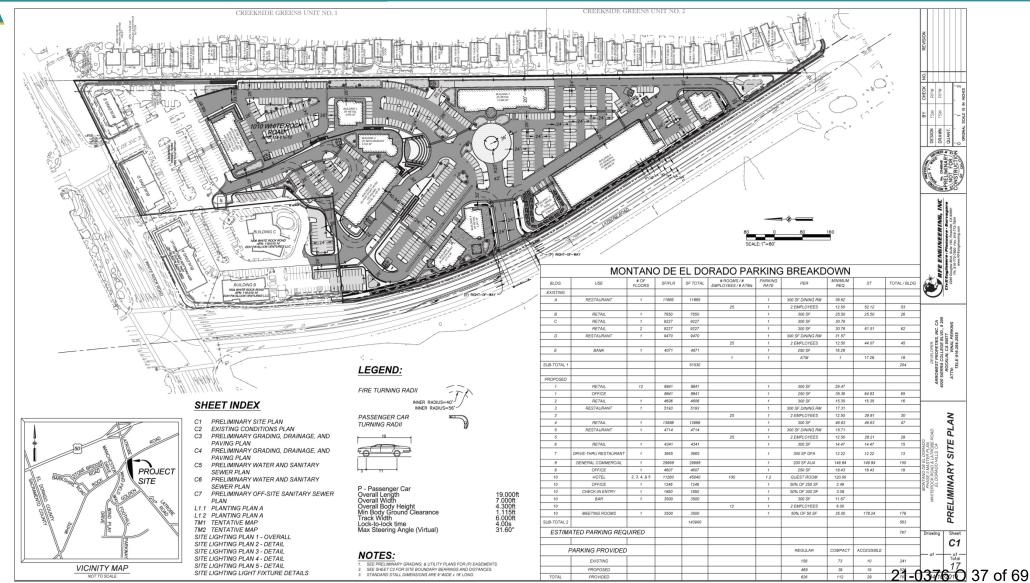


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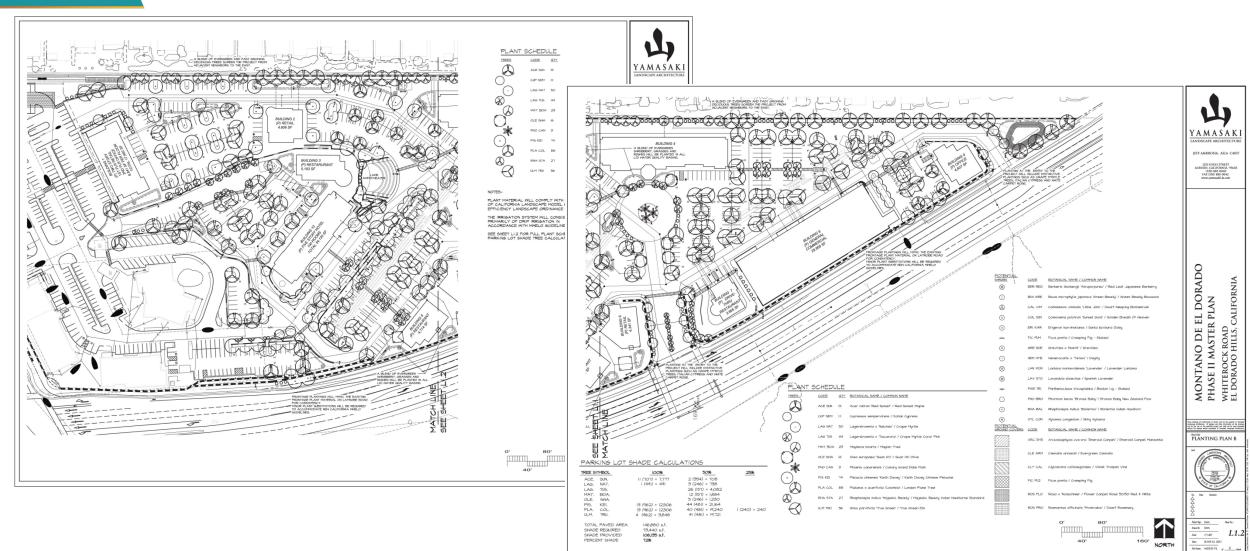


Site Plan (Exhibit H)





Preliminary Landscape Planting Plan (Exhibit R)

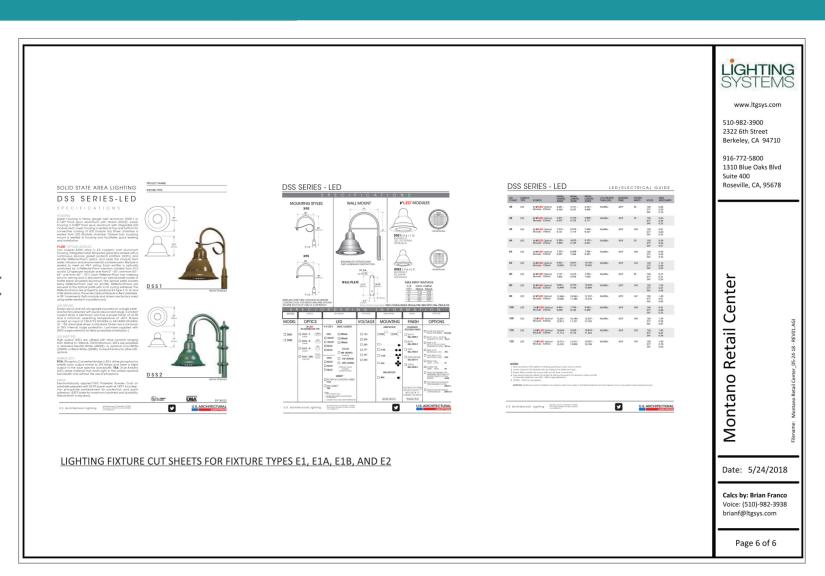




Outdoor Lighting Plan (Exhibit S)

Outdoor lighting Requirements:

Appropriately located, adequately shielded, and directed to prevent direct light falling outside the property line or into a public right-of-way. (Chapter 130.34 of County Code -Outdoor Lighting)





Architectural Elevations (Exhibit Q) Proposed Commercial Buildings







Architectural Elevations - Proposed Hotel



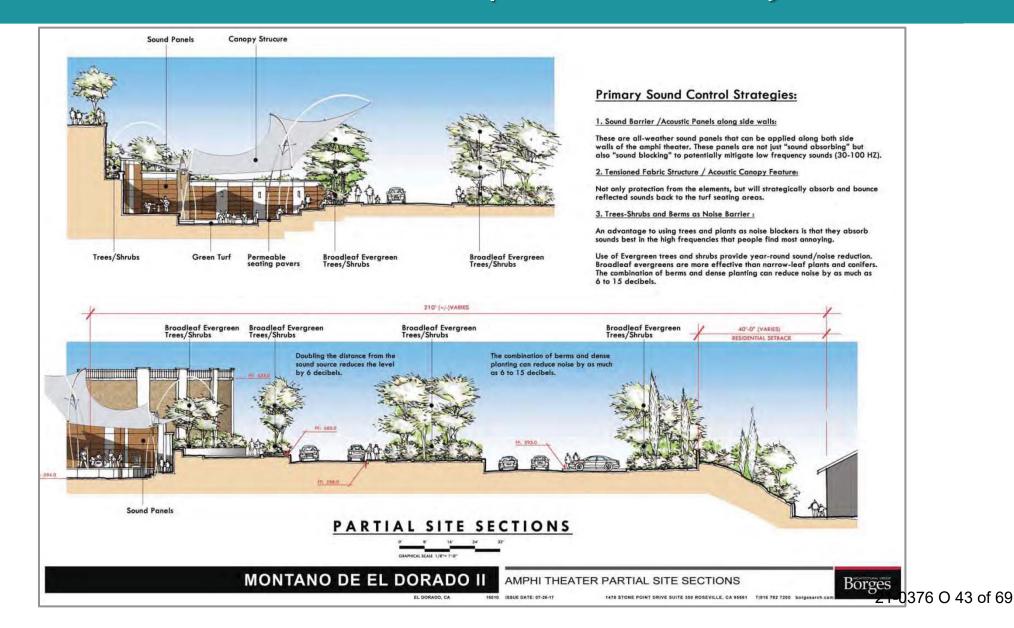


Architectural Elevations - Proposed Community Pavilion



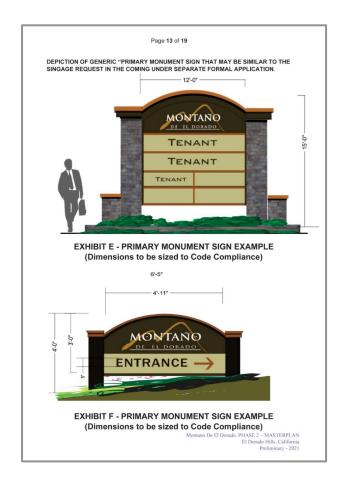


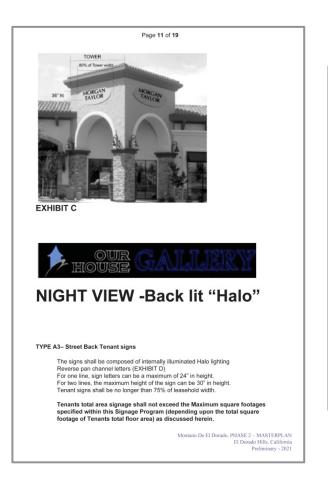
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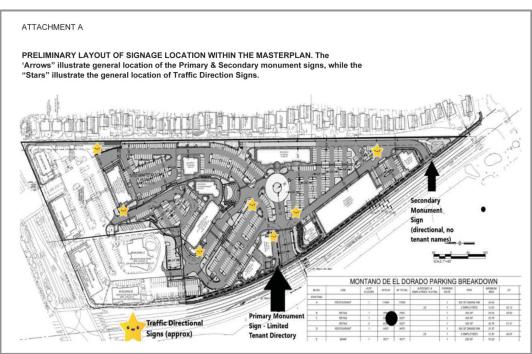




Conceptual Phase II Sign Program (Exhibit P)











- Rezone (Z15-0002) from Regional Commercial Community

 Design Review Combining Zone (CR-DC) to Regional Commercial
 - Planned Development Combining Zone (CR-PD);
- Commercial Tentative Parcel Map (P15-0006) to create a total of 12 parcels from an existing 16.85-acre parcel;
- Planned Development (PD15-0004) to establish a Development Plan for the Montano De El Dorado Phase 1 and II Master Plan Project;
- Conditional Use Permit (S17-0015) for office uses and outdoor special events in Phase I and Phase II.



Rezone Z15-0002:

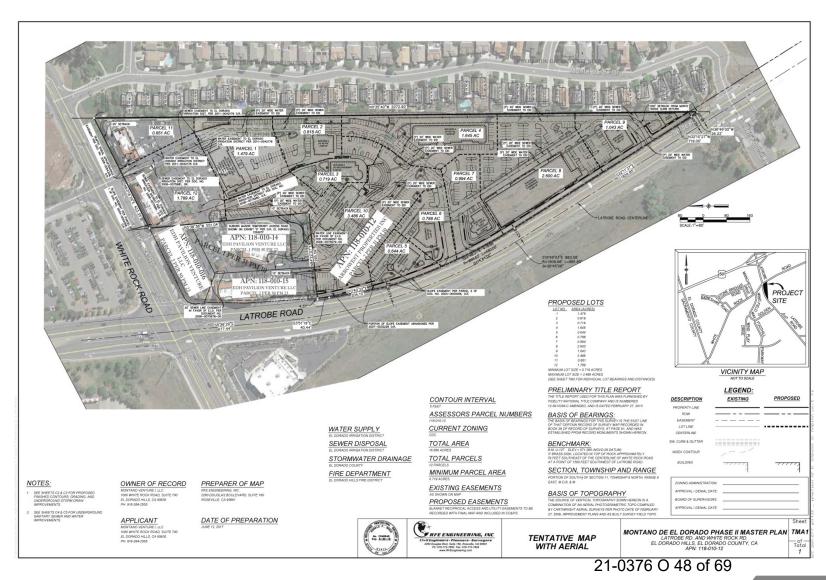
A Rezone allows for a site-specific Development Plan to Incorporate:

- Uniform design elements and architectural styles in both Phase I and II
- Shared common areas and landscaping features
- Exceptions to zone development standards (where needed) to accommodate unique constraints of the site
- Uniform Sign Program
- Shared parking and circulation
- Shared maintenance



Commercial Tentative Parcel Map P15-0006:

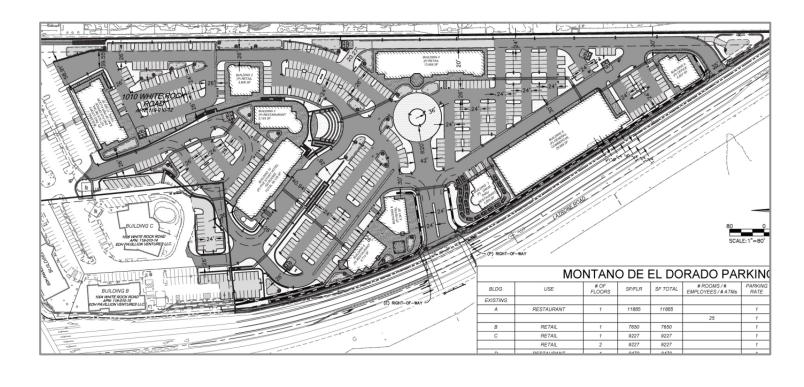
- Creates 12 parcels from an existing 16.85-acre parcel
- Parcels range in size from approx. 0.54 acres to 3.3 acres
- Easements for "wet" and "dry" utility services
- All proposed buildings located on separate parcels





Planned Development PD15-0004:

- Establishes a Development Plan for the Project
- Uniform design elements and architectural styles
- Shared common areas and landscaping features
- Flexible development standards to accommodate limitations of the project site
- Uniform Sign Program
- Shared parking and circulation
- Shared maintenance





Conditional Use Permit S17-0015 To Allow:

- Office uses in Phases I and II
- New outdoor events in Phases I and II consistent with Outdoor Special Events Plan (Exhibit I)
- Does not change existing Phase I CUPs

Outdoor Special Events Schedule [From Draft EIR Table 2-1]

| Typical Month | Typical Event | Site Location (Colored Circles in Figure 1) | Attendance Estimate |
|------------------|---|---|------------------------|
| September | > 9/11 Patriots/Veterans Event | Blue | 150 |
| | Farmers Market 2 nd Saturday | Orange | 175 |
| | Monday Movie at Montano - Community Pavilion | Red | 75 |
| | ➤ Community Pavilion Music – limited amplification 5:30pm-8:30pm (Saturdays) | Red | 75 |
| October | Oktoberfest (2-4 days) Primarily at 36 Handles Pub | Purple | 350 |
| | Craft Brew Tasting and Blue Grass | Green | 50 |
| | Monday Movie at Montano - Community Pavilion | Red | 50 |
| | Classic Car Show | Orange | 150 |
| November | Cornish Craft Festival and Merchant Each Saturday (Thanksgiving to Christmas) Plaza Wide | Phase I and II | 250 |
| | ➤ Talent Show to Benefit Charity Groups | Red | 150 |
| December | Cornish Craft and Merchant Festival Each Saturday (Thanksgiving to Christmas) Plaza Wide | Phase I and II | 250 |
| | Christmas Special/Charity Event | Phase I and II | 250 |

Figure 1. Special Event Locations [From Draft EIR Figure 2-14]



Z15-0002/P15-0006/PD15-0004/S17-0015 EXHIBIT I - OUTDOOR SPECIAL EVENTS PLAN



Topics of Community Interest



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- Project Appearance/Aesthetics
 - Building Height, Light and Glare
 - Mitigation Measures in Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program (MMRP) (Exhibit L) to reduce identified impacts
- Transportation and Traffic
 - CEQA Changes
 - Congestion no longer considered an impact under CEQA
 - New metric of Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT)
 - Congestion impacts addressed under DOT Project conditions of approval
- Noise
 - Specific Mitigation Measures in MMRP will ensure noise levels remain less than required General Plan/Zoning noise thresholds



Public Comments



Environmental Review Process



What is CEQA?

- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Public disclosure process
- Public participation is essential
- Avoid or mitigate for environmental impacts
- Certification of EIR does not indicate approval of project



What is an EIR?

- An informational document
 - Discloses information about the effects a proposed project could have on the environment
 - Identifies mitigation measures
 - Describes feasible alternatives to the proposed project
 - Provides opportunity for public comment
 - Must be certified prior to project approval



What is an EIR? (cont.)

What an EIR Does...

- Analyzes the environmental effects of the project
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- Solicits agency and public input throughout process



What is an EIR? (cont.)

What an EIR Does Not Do...

- Does not require mitigation for existing environmental conditions
- Does not advocate for the project under evaluation
- Does not require project denial due to significant environmental impacts
- Does not address economic and social issues (e.g., property values)



Environmental Issues Evaluated in the Project EIR

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gases

- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise and Vibration
- Public Services
- Traffic and Circulation
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Cumulative Impacts



Significant and Unavoidable Impacts Identified in the Project EIR

- Construction noise (Impact 3.10-1)
- Construction vibration (Impact 3.10-2)
- Increases in vehicle miles traveled under project conditions (Impact 3.12-1)
- Increases in vehicle miles traveled under cumulative conditions (Impact 4-14)



Alternatives Considered in the Project EIR

- Alternative 1: No Project No Development Alternative
- Alternative 2: Modification of Special Events Alternative
- Alternative 3: Reduced Development Alternative



Final EIR

Contents of a Final EIR:

(CEQA Guidelines Section 15132)

- The Draft EIR
 - Includes non-substantive revisions/clarifications as needed
- List of commenters on the Draft EIR
- Responses to comments received on the Draft EIR
- Other information added by the Lead Agency (County) as needed



Final EIR (Cont.)

Key Environmental Comments Received:

- Transportation impacts to roadways and neighborhoods
- Noise from construction, truck use, special events and community pavilion
- Building Height



Final EIR (Cont.)

Final EIR Certification:

(CEQA Guidelines Section 15090)

- The Final EIR was completed in compliance with CEQA
- The decision-making body reviewed and considered information in the Final EIR prior to approving the project
- The Final EIR reflects the County's independent judgement and analysis



Next Steps in Process

- Planning Commission Hearing on Final EIR and Project
 - Make recommendation to Board of Supervisors (Board) on both the project and the project Final EIR
- Board Hearing (Anticipated May/June 2021)
 - Certify Final EIR
 - Take action on the project



Staff Recommendation



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Questions?