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County of Tuolumne  
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**TUO-120-PM R50.350**  
**Yosemite Under Canvas**  
**Draft Environmental Impact**  
**Report (DEIR)**  
**SCH# 2019029073**

Dear Ms. Rizzi,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for Yosemite Under Canvas Site Development Permit SDP18-002 application. This application would allow the development of a 99-unit tent campground and supporting facilities such as a mobile kitchen, dining and reception tent, laundry facility, and bathrooms. On-site infrastructure would include internal access roads and pathways, potable water wells, and wastewater leach fields. The project site consists of two parcels totaling 80.1± acres and is located south of the intersection of Hardin Flat Road and State Route (SR) 120 on Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 068-120-062 and 068-120-063.

Caltrans has responded to the previous routing of this project on August 6, 2018, August 24, 2018, March 25, 2019, and July 16, 2019. The following comments are in addition to the prior submitted letters:

The cover page of Appendix F is mislabeled (contents of the appendix are correct). Please correct the cover page so that it reads "Appendix F - Biological Resources," instead of "Appendix E - Air Quality."

**Hydrology:**

- The applicant provided a discussion on calculated flow rates and analysis of the 10-year, 25-year, and 100-year 24-hour storm events. Caltrans requires a minimum analysis of a 10-minute time of concentration for undeveloped areas. It is unclear where the outlet point is for the watershed analysis.

- The applicant will need to calculate runoff peak discharges for 10-year and 100-year storm events for Pre and Post construction.
- There is contradicting documentation that potential stormwater treatment facilities are located in Appendix A in the DEIR, However, upon review, there were no exhibits provided. Please provide exhibits for Appendix A.
- Appendix G just provides the Hydrogeology Report and does not discuss the total Hydrology of the project.

### **Traffic Operations and Safety:**

- Caltrans requests a sight distance analysis of both directions at the Hardin Flat Road and SR 120 intersection.

### **Outdoor Advertising:**

Based on the project description, it is important to note that any advertising structure visible to the National Highway System (NHS), which in this case includes SR 120, is subject to the provisions of the California Outdoor Advertising Act outlined in Business and Professions Code Section 5200 et seq. Any advertising structure that displays off-premise commercial copy visible from the NHS will require a permit from the Office of Outdoor Advertising (ODA). Any advertising structure that only advertises goods and services available on-premise will not require a permit from ODA, provided it adheres to the provisions of Business and Professions Code Section 5272 and 5274 and California Code of Regulations 2243 and 2246. Each of the proposed advertising structures should refrain from operating in any of the conditions outlined in Business and Professions Code Section 5403. For questions related to the ODA permit application process please contact Kenneth Parmelee at (916) 651-9327.

### **Encroachment Permit:**

If any project construction activities encroach into Caltrans Right-of-Way (ROW), the project proponent must submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and/or other resources within Caltrans ROW at the project site(s). Please include California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation with supporting technical studies when submitting the Encroachment Permit. For more information please visit the Caltrans Website at:

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<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these comments, please contact Michael Casas at (209) 986-9830 (email: [Michael.Casas@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Michael.Casas@dot.ca.gov)) or me at (209) 941-1947 (email: [kevin.schroder@dot.ca.gov](mailto:kevin.schroder@dot.ca.gov)).

Sincerely,

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