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TUO-120-PM R50.350
Yosemite Under Canvas
Caltrans Response to
Final EIR
SCH# 2019029073

Dear Ms. Rizzi,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) 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, July 16, 2019, and July 15, 2020.

Caltrans has the following comments in addition to the prior submitted letters:

Hydrology:

- The applicant did not address prior Hydraulics comments submitted on July 15, 2020. Topographic maps indicate that any alterations to existing drainage features may have adverse impacts to Caltrans facilities.
- Compacted roadways and grading will have a significant or insignificant impact. Stating no significant impact does not suffice nor address what impacts will or may occur.

Previous Caltrans Hydrology comments submitted on July 15, 2020:

- 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.

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:

<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) or me at (209) 483-7234 (email: Gregoria.Ponce@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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c: State Clearinghouse