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Subject: RE: Caltrans response toTerra Vi Final EIR (SCH 2019110286) Helipad Location and environmental review

Thank you. I will work this into the condition of approval that I cited to you to ensure its addressed adequately.

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Ms. Yaley,

Caltrans would like to thank you for responding to our questions sent on December 17, 2020, regarding the Helipad location and the uses for the emergency helipad.

Caltrans requests that Tuolumne County and the project sponsor abide by the California Code of Regulations (CCR) to establish an emergency medical landing site; and to follow the relevant citations from the CCRs and the Public Utilities Code (PUC) and ensure that the sponsor provides the signed original Emergency Medical Services (EMS) authorization letter from a local Public Safety Officer to the attention of our Caltrans Division of Aeronautics, Christopher Brooks.

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Included are associated CCR:

(g) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Landing Site: A site used for the landing and taking off of EMS helicopters that is located at or as near as practical to a medical emergency or at or near a medical facility and

(1) has been designated an EMS landing site by an officer authorized by a public safety agency, as defined in PUC Section 21662.1, using criteria that the public safety agency has determined is reasonable and prudent for the safe operation of EMS helicopters and

(2) is used, over any twelve month period, for no more than an average of six landings per month with a patient or patients on the helicopter, except to allow for adequate medical response to a mass casualty event even if that response causes the site to be used beyond these limits, and
(3) is not marked as a permitted heliport as described in Section 3554 of these regulations and
(4) is used only for emergency medical purposes.

Public Utilities Code (PUC): Emergency Service Helicopters

PUC 21662.1. (a) At or as near as practical to the site of a medical emergency and at a medical facility, an officer authorized by a public safety agency may designate an area for the landing and taking off of an emergency service helicopter, in accordance with regulations established not later than January 1, 1989, pursuant to Section 21243.

(b) "Public safety agency" means any city, county, state agency, or special purpose district authorized to arrange for emergency medical services.

Thank you again for your assistance in this matter. Please let me know if there are any questions.

Kind regards,

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EXTERNAL EMAIL. Links/attachments may not be safe.

I got your message below are the answers to your questions-let me know if further clarification is needed. I also left a message with Bob Fiore before the holiday so I'm including him on this email as well.

The FEIR outlines the location for the helipad on page 3-19 of the Final EIR and in Figure 5-1 of the Final EIR. Per page 3-19, "As part of the design and approvals process for the proposed helipad, the project sponsor shall relocate the helipad to a location on the project site farther from residential buildings, if another feasible location can be identified."

The location of the helipad, if it cannot be relocated to another feasible location as discussed in the FEIR, is shown on Figure 3-4 in the DEIR.

The helipad will not need a use permit from the County, but will need a building permit and ALUC approval, and further, as identified in MM HAZ-5 in the DEIR, Caltrans will have a permitting role.

The purpose of the helipad is for emergency use only, not for routine guest/owner use:

"Additionally, the proposed project includes several circulation considerations for emergency services. A fire access route is proposed along the southern border of the project site, with direct access to Highway 120. All proposed interior roadways on-site are of an adequate size to accommodate access by emergency vehicles. The project proposal also includes an emergency helicopter landing pad on the northwestern corner of the project site, with vehicular access to Sawmill Mountain Road. The helipad would be for emergency uses only and would be open for use by the entire community. The County would require, through a condition of approval, that the helipad be used for emergencies only." (page 3-18 of DEIR). Also see page 3-25, 3-29, Section 4.9 and 4.12,

Also see Condition 72 in the staff report: https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/781339/12-29-2020_BOS_Packet.pdf

72. The helipad at the project site would be for emergency uses only. The pad shall be made for any emergency use by a public or private entity and community and shall be used for emergencies only. (Project Description)

The location, purpose, and impacts of the helipad construction and operation are discussed in both the Final and Draft EIRs, including any direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts.

Please let me know if you have further questions. All documents can be found here:

<https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/1158/Terra-Vi-Lodge-Yosemite>

Thank you,
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Ms. Yaley,

Caltrans has reviewed the Terra Vi Final EIR proposed changes and has questions/comments regarding the Helipad. (SCH 2019110286)

- I. What is the actual intended use for the helipad; and is there capacity in the document to clarify? At this time, it is unclear on specific use.
- II. Where will the final geographic location of the helipad be located?
- III. Once use and operation is clarified, will the Final proposed EIR evaluate the helipad's direct, indirect, and cumulative effects and impacts to the environment? At this time, as use is general, effects are described as general. Depending on use, Caltrans may hold a permitting role.
- IV. When does the project proponent expect to file for a use permit from the County for the helipad?
- V. Will the helipad also be used for the Hotel Lodge private uses?

Thank you

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