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ND/IS
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Olancha Lake RV Park: Tentative Parcel Map 422, Zone Reclassification 2019-02, GPA 2019-01 – Negative Declaration/Initial Study (ND/IS)

Dear Mr. Karamitros:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 9 appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed Olancha RV Park's ND/IS, which includes a parcel map and rezoning. We offer the following:

- In item **10. Other public agencies whose approval is required** - "California Department of Transportation" should be included.
- Thank you for the statement in the IS section **XVI. Transportation/Traffic** re: project proponents interacting with Caltrans regarding a US 395 access. While reviewing conceptual project plans, some of Caltrans requirements merit further clarification.

As part of the Encroachment Permit application - engineered, stamped plans are required that meet Caltrans standards with design based on actual site conditions, topography and traffic type. Appendix J (link below) Driveway Design Consideration item 6, covers structural section. Minimum surface course (Hot mix asphalt) for driveways is 0.35-ft (roughly 4-in). Appendix J specifies that aggregate base depth should match US 395 shoulders. Typically, 6-in of Class 2 aggregate base would be satisfactory for most driveways. Driveways that serve large volumes of heavy vehicles would require a thicker structural section.

Encroachment Permit Application:

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

Appendix J (from Caltrans Encroachment Permit Manual):

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/traffic-operations/documents/encroachment-permits/appendix-j-ada.pdf>

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For further details on the Encroachment Permit process and Caltrans construction standards/methods, Stephen Winzenread may be contacted at (760) 872-5222 or stephen.winzenread@dot.ca.gov.

- In order to construct the access, the project would need to remove at least some of the salt cedar hedge. Any work within US 395 right-of-way for this could be covered under the Caltrans encroachment permit. Nesting bird surveys might be necessary as already noted in the ND/IS.
- Where fitting, please include a Condition of Approval such as - The project will obtain a Caltrans encroachment permit and adhere to the requirements therein.
- One of our earlier emails to the project proponent mentioned possible Outdoor Advertising Act (ODA) issues for the monument sign. It does not fall under the ODA, so would be considered on-site advertising. Hence, Inyo County ordinances/standards would apply.

We value our interaction with Inyo County on development projects affecting the State transportations system. For any questions, feel free to contact me at (760) 872-0785 or at gayle.rosander@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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