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Hawkes Tasting Room Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Georgia McDaniel:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Hawkes Tasting Room Project. We are committed to ensuring that impacts to the State's multimodal transportation system and to our natural environment are identified and mitigated to support a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system. The following comments are based on our review of the March 2020 MND.

Project Understanding

The applicant proposes a modification of an existing Use Permit (UPE05-0005) for Hawkes Tasting Room to allow remodel and expansion of existing tasting room by increasing 1,450 square-foot building to 7,600 square feet in size, including a commercial kitchen and private tasting rooms; relocating the existing parking area; addition of unpaved overflow parking; addition of evening agricultural promotional events - 12 events with maximum 50 guests and 20 events with maximum 100 guests annually, plus 10 Industry-wide event days with maximum 100 guests annually; food and wine pairings; new landscaping; new septic field; and enhancement of the stormwater management system. The project is located at 6738 State Route (SR)-128, Healdsburg, California on a 1.15-acre parcel (APN 131-170-043) with direct access to the State Transportation Network provided from an existing driveway on SR-128.

Traffic Management Plan

The applicant should do the following as part of the Traffic Management Plan in the Caltrans Encroachment Permit:

1. Include the proposed work hours, including shoulder closure charts when necessary, as the project appears to implement shoulder closures on SR-128 during construction;
2. Coordinate with and obtain concurrence on proposed work hours from the Caltrans Traffic Management Office in advance of construction activities;
3. Include "Bicycles May Use Full Lane" (R4-11, CA Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) sign prior to construction taper. Accommodation for bicyclists and pedestrians during construction should be noted in the Encroachment Permit Traffic Control Plan Sheet;
4. Maintain standard pedestrian access path through construction zone.

Right-of-Way (ROW)

The applicant will need to match the driveway's surface/elevation to the State's pavement surface/elevation.

Hydraulics

The plans show an increase in impervious area compared to the existing conditions. Any increase in runoff that drains towards the State ROW should be metered to pre-construction levels.

During the encroachment permit process, the following additional information should be provided:

1. An analysis of the pre- and post- construction runoff that drains towards the State ROW. The analysis should consider a ten (10) year design storm with a minimum time of concentration of five (5) minutes.
2. Grade elevations along the property line adjacent to the State ROW, additional grade elevations between the stone wall and State ROW and around the bioretention areas.

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, Sonoma County is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the State Transportation Network (STN). The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto the State ROW requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As part of the encroachment permit submittal process, you may be asked by the Office of Encroachment Permits to submit a completed encroachment permit application, six (6) sets of plans clearly delineating the State ROW, six (6) copies of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans, this comment letter, your response to the comment letter, and where applicable, the following items: new or amended Maintenance Agreement (MA), approved Design Standard Decision Document (DSDD), approved encroachment exception request, and/or airspace lease agreement.

To download the permit application and to obtain more information on all required documentation, visit <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Andrew Chan at 510-622-5433 or andrew.chan@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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c: State Clearinghouse