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## STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

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PM 52.27

Dollar General Store, Campo  
PDS2019-LDGRMJ-30250  
MND/SCH #2021070559

Mr. Donald Kraft  
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County of San Diego  
Planning and Development Services  
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Dear Mr. Kraft:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) State Clearinghouse (SCH) #2021070559 for the Dollar General Store located on State Route 94 (SR-94) in the community of Campo. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. The Local Development-Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with Caltrans' mission and state planning priorities.

Safety is one of Caltrans strategic goals. Caltrans strives to make the year 2050 the first year without a single death or serious injury on California's roads. We are striving for more equitable outcomes for the transportation network's diverse users. To achieve these ambitious goals, we will pursue meaningful collaboration with our partners. We encourage the implementation of new technologies, innovations, and best practices that will enhance the safety on the transportation network. These pursuits are both ambitious and urgent, and their accomplishment involves a focused departure from the status quo as we continue to institutionalize safety in all our work.

Caltrans is committed to prioritizing projects that are equitable and provide meaningful benefits to historically underserved communities, to ultimately improve transportation accessibility and quality of life for people in the communities we serve.

We look forward to working with the County of San Diego in areas where the County and Caltrans have joint jurisdiction to improve the transportation network and connections between various modes of travel, with the goal of improving the experience of those who use the transportation system.

Caltrans has the following comments:

### **Traffic Operations**

1. Due to the proposed location of the driveway, which needs access from Caltrans' Right-of-Way (R/W), a traffic safety investigation would be needed. The Caltrans' Interim Local Development Intergovernmental Review Safety Review Practitioners Guidance can be referenced on the Caltrans website at:

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/transportation-planning/documents/sb-743/2020-12-22-updated-interim-ldigr-safety-review-guidance-a11y.pdf>

2. Location of driveway does not meet current Caltrans Highway Design Manual (HDM) sight distance requirements for passenger vehicles. Caltrans recommends moving the driveway to the west to meet the sight distance requirements.
3. Please submit an updated sight distance report with the current Caltrans HDM corner sight distance specifications. This should also include the truck corner sight distance and truck turning templates.
4. Provided sight distance report does not include truck calculation, please provide this.
5. Provided truck turning templates does not include right turns (right-in and right-out), please provide them.
6. Coordination with Caltrans is recommended.

### **Environmental**

Caltrans welcomes the opportunity to be a Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as we have some discretionary authority of a portion of the project that is in Caltrans' R/W through the form of an encroachment permit process. We look forward to the coordination of our efforts to ensure that Caltrans can adopt the alternative and/or mitigation measure for our R/W. We would

appreciate meeting with you to discuss the elements of the MND that Caltrans will use for our subsequent environmental compliance.

An encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans' R/W prior to construction. As part of the encroachment permit process, the applicant must provide approved final environmental documents for this project, corresponding technical studies, and necessary regulatory and resource agency permits. Specifically, CEQA determination or exemption. The supporting documents must address all environmental impacts within the Caltrans' R/W and address any impacts from avoidance and/or mitigation measures.

We recommend that this project specifically identifies and assesses potential impacts caused by the project or impacts from mitigation efforts that occur within Caltrans' R/W that includes impacts to the natural environment, infrastructure including but not limited to highways, roadways, structures, intelligent transportation systems elements, on-ramps and off-ramps, and appurtenant features including but not limited to lighting, signage, drainage, guardrail, slopes and landscaping. Caltrans is interested in any additional mitigation measures identified for the project's draft Environmental Document.

Attached is the hazardous waste review as it contains the standard special provisions (SSPs) that will be required when the project comes through for an Encroachment Permit. SSPs guide the contractor (such as advising how lead compliance plans are written, requirements for dealing with ADL, etc.).

- Hazardous Waste-
  - Aerially Deposited Lead (ADL) - A hazardous waste concern for this project is ADL. Elevated levels of ADL are common in the soil adjacent to State highways and can also be found underneath some existing road surfaces due to past construction activities. Per the guidance described in Section 407 of Caltrans Encroachment Permit Manual, this project is categorized as "Excess Soil", which are projects that result in excess soil that cannot be reused within the work limits and needs to be transported and disposed of, outside of Caltrans' R/W, in accordance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations. The Permittee is responsible for proper identification (including sampling and analysis) and management of the excess soils that are removed and/or excavated from the work site. It is the Permittee's responsibility to comply with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) ADL requirements for roadway soil management. "Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste Management Special Provisions" (TR-0408) must be included in the permit (see Appendix K of Caltrans Encroachment Permit Manual).

- Discovery of Unanticipated Asbestos and Hazardous Substances - Upon discovery of unanticipated asbestos or a hazardous substance, immediately stop working in the area of discovery:
  - If it is reasonably believed the substance is asbestos as defined in Labor Code § 6501.7 or a hazardous substance as defined in Health & Safety Code § 25316 and § 25317.
  - Its presence is not described in the Plans.
  - The substance has not been made harmless.
- Hazardous Waste Management - Handle, store, and dispose of hazardous waste under 22 CA Code of Regulations Division 4.5.

## **Noise**

The applicant must be informed that in accordance with 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 772, Caltrans is not responsible for existing or future traffic noise impacts associated with the existing configuration of SR-94.

## **Right-of-Way**

- Per Business and Profession Code 8771, perpetuation of survey monuments by a licensed land surveyor is required, if they are being destroyed by any construction.
- Any work performed within Caltrans' R/W will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans' R/W prior to construction.

Additional information regarding encroachment permits may be obtained by contacting the Caltrans Permits Office at (619) 688-6158 or emailing [D11.Permits@dot.ca.gov](mailto:D11.Permits@dot.ca.gov) or by visiting the website at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>. Early coordination with Caltrans is strongly advised for all encroachment permits.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mark McCumsey at (619) 985-4957 or by email at [mark.mccumsey@dot.ca.gov](mailto:mark.mccumsey@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

*Mark McCumsey for*

MAURICE EATON  
Branch Chief  
Local Development and Intergovernmental Review

Attachment

## **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT**

TR-0408 (New 09/2017)

By acceptance of this encroachment permit, Permittee hereby agrees that:

1. All construction debris/materials/water/excess soil must become the property of the Permittee, and must be transported and disposed of, outside of Caltrans' right-of-way, in accordance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations. The Permittee must be identified as the generator for all construction debris/materials/water/excess soil and must be responsible for proper identification (including sampling and analysis) and management of all construction and contaminated debris/materials/water/excess soil that are removed, and/or excavated, from the work site. If hazardous waste is generated, the Permittee must obtain an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Identification Number issued in their name. State Permit Inspector does not sign any manifests or shipping papers. The Permittee must be named as the generator on all Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifests and shipping papers. Caltrans must not be identified or written anywhere on the manifests or shipping papers. Prior to waste disposal, the Permittee should submit the waste generator form(s) to State Permit Inspector for verification. The Permittee must submit to the State Permit Inspector, a copy of all manifests and/or shipping papers generated for materials removed, transported and/or excavated from the state right-of-way.
2. If contaminated material is encountered, Permittee is to stop work and contact the State Permit Inspector immediately. The Permittee must submit a Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP), and a Health and Safety Plan (HaSP) prepared by a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) and in conformance with California Code of Regulations title 8, section 5192, "Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response" for sampling activity through a separate permit application. Upon the permit review, additional environmental documents may be required prior to resumption of construction activity.
3. Permittee is responsible for any violation, penalty, enforcement action, corrective action, remedial action, and any other type of consequences resulting from cross contamination of groundwater (including perched groundwater), improper handling/managing of hazardous materials and/or placement of contaminated materials inside Caltrans right-of-way.
4. It is the Permittee's responsibility to comply with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) ADL requirements for roadway soil management. Reuse of soils containing greater than 80 mg/kg total lead is not allowed without written approval of the DTSC and Caltrans. The Soil Management Agreement for Aerially Deposited Lead-Contaminated Soils between Caltrans and the DTSC does not constitute written approval for the Permittee to reuse soils containing greater than 80 mg/kg total lead.
5. The Permittee must implement the emergency notification requirements established in the California Office of Emergency Management Hazardous Materials, Spill / Release Notification Guidance (<http://www.caloes.ca.gov/>).
6. Any imported material used for backfill must be free of contamination, and a certificate of the material as "clean" with the source area of the material must be provided to Permit Inspector upon request. Importing soils containing greater than 80 mg/kg total lead for use in state right-of-way is not allowed.  
  
Stockpiles of material containing aerially deposited lead shall not be placed where affected by surface run-on or run-off. Stockpiles shall be covered with plastic sheeting 13 mils minimum thickness or with one foot of nonhazardous material. Stockpiles shall not be placed in environmentally sensitive areas. Stockpiled material shall not enter storm drains, inlets, or waters of the State.