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Use Permit (UP-19; 12-1)
Initial Study (IS)
SCH 2022010010

Ms. Ruesel,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the La Mesa Vineyards Amendment request on the approved Use Permit (UP-19;12-1) and Initial Study (IS). The property is 24.83 acres and zoned, Single-family Residential and Agriculture (R1A). La Mesa Vineyards seeks to increase the limit on days of operation and special events from four (4) days per week and six (6) events per year with up to 100 attendees (with live and/or amplified music until 5:00 p.m.) to unlimited days. The applicant would also like to request flexible general hours of operation subject to indoor or outdoor amplified music limitation until 10:00 p.m. The events at La Mesa Vineyards would also coincide with the Amador Vintners Association-sponsored events, with up to 24 additional events with up to 125 attendees and up to 12 different events annually with up to 250 attendees.

La Mesa Vineyards is located at 13200 Shenandoah Road in Plymouth approximately six miles east of State Route (SR) 49 on property Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 014-140-054.

Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans has commented on this project previously on January 14, 2020, September 7, 2021, and January 11, 2021. Those comments still apply.

Senate Bill (SB) 743 is changing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis of transportation impacts commenting. It requires local land use projects to provide safe transportation system, reduce per capita vehicle miles of travel (VMT), increase accessibility by mode share of bicycle, pedestrian, and transit travel, and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

With the proposed project's significant generated trip per day especially during social gatherings or weddings, VMT reduction is necessary to meet the statewide GHG emissions. Caltrans suggests public transit route extension to and from La Mesa Vineyards.

Please forward the final Conditions of Approval to Caltrans, District 10 Office of Rural Planning, once available.

It is important to note that if any new advertising structures are visible to the National Highway System (NHS) it is subject to the provisions of the California Outdoor Advertising Act outlined in Business and Professions Code Section 5200 et seq. Any advertising structure that displays off-premise commercial advertising visible from the NHS will require a permit from the Office of Outdoor Advertising (ODA). Any advertising structure that only advertises goods and services available on-premise will not require a permit from ODA, provided it adheres to the provisions of Business and Professions Code Section 5272 and 5274 and California Code of Regulations 2243 and 2246. Each of the proposed advertising structures should refrain from operating in any of the conditions outlined in Business and Professions Code Section 5403. For questions related to the ODA permit application process please visit our website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/oda>

Caltrans suggests Amador County Planning Department continue to coordinate and consult with Caltrans to identify and address potential cumulative transportation impacts from this project and other developments near this location. This will assist Caltrans in ensuring that traffic safety and quality standards are maintained for the traveling public on existing and future state transportation facilities.

Encroachment Permits

If any future project activities encroach into Caltrans Right-of-Way (ROW), an application is required for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application.

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These studies will analyze potential impacts to any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and/or other resources within Caltrans ROW at the project site(s). For more information, please visit the Caltrans Website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>

Please contact Paul Bauldry at (209) 670-9488 or by email: paul.bauldry@dot.ca.gov, or me at (209) 483-7234 (email: Gregoria.Ponce@dot.ca.gov) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregoria Ponce".

Gregoria Ponce, Chief
Office of Rural Planning

cc: State Clearinghouse