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CAL-26-PM 23.739
Initial Study/MND for
Whiskey Slide Farms
SCH 2022040526

Dear Ms. Flandreau,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Initial Study (IS) and application requesting the approval of a Zoning Amendment to change the zoning of three contiguous parcels, from Rural Residential 20 acre minimum (RA-20) to General Agriculture (A1). The three parcels are concurrently being merged to create one parcel of approximately 41 acres. Two of the parcels are currently being developed under a conditionally approved commercial cannabis cultivation permit with the County Division of Cannabis Control. The applicant is requesting the zoning amendment to collocate a second cannabis cultivation site to be permitted, as co-location is only permitted in the A1 zone, with one permit allowed per 20 acres of land. The subject property is located at 15369, 15499, and 15469 Jesus Maria Road in Mokelumne Hill.

Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans suggests Calaveras County 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.

Environmental

It does not appear that this project will encroach onto Caltrans District 10 (D10) Right of Way (ROW). If the project does encroach onto Caltrans ROW, please ensure that all impacts specific to Caltrans ROW are called out in the Initial Study. For impacts to Caltrans ROW, please reach out to Caltrans D10 and we will be able to assist with further needs for environmental compliance within our ROW prior to encroachment permit submittal.

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Encroachment Permits

If any project activities encroach into Caltrans Right-of-Way ROW, the project proponent must submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application. For more information, please visit the Caltrans Website at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shiferaw Jemberie (209) 986-9635 (email: Shiferaw.jemberie@dot.ca.gov) or me at (209) 483-7234 (email: Gregoria.Ponce@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Gregoria Ponce', Chief
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