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RE: Major Modification to Conditional Use
Permit (CUP) / Krishnamurti Project
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2022050013
Vic. VEN-150/PM: R23.562
GTS # 07-VEN-2022-00484

Dear Kristina Boero:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The applicant requests a Major Modification to CUP No. 3697 for the continued operation and maintenance of a camp for a 25-year term. The request also includes the expansion of the CUP boundary, change of use from a retreat to a camp and the construction of accessory structures, which total 10,931 sq. ft. The County of Ventura is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The nearest State facility to the proposed project is State Route 150 (SR-150). After reviewing the MND, the project is expected to generate an increase of 96 average daily trips on the local public roads and the Regional Road Network. Therefore, the project would have a less-than-significant vehicle miles travelled (VMT) impact based on the CEQA Guidelines and screening criteria threshold. The following information is included for your consideration.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Furthermore, Caltrans encourages Lead Agencies to implement Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies that reduce VMT and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. For TDM strategies that the Lead Agency may want to consider integrating into this project to further reduce VMT, please refer to:

- The 2010 Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures report by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), available at <http://www.capcoa.org/wpcontent/uploads/2010/11/CAPCOA-Quantification-Report-9-14-Final.pdf>, and/or
- Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference (Chapter 8) by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), available at <https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop12035/index.htm>

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends that the Project limit construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these issues for Caltrans' review.

Finally, any work completed on or near Caltrans' right of way may require an encroachment permit. However, the final determination on this will be made by Caltrans' Office of Permits. This work would require additional review and may be subject to additional requirements to ensure current design standards and access management elements are being addressed. For more information on encroachment permits, see: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karen Herrera, the project coordinator, at Karen.Herrera@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS # 07-VEN-2022-00484.

Sincerely,



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cc: State Clearinghouse