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Parkside Residential Project
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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Dear Ms. Byers:

Thank you for giving Caltrans the opportunity to comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Parkside Residential Project. The project proposes to amend the General Plan and modify zoning regulations to allow the construction of 48 attached single-family housing units and 128 multi-family housing units, for a total of 176 new dwelling units. The property is approximately 15.16 acres and located west of State Route 29, near the Lakeport Boulevard interchange, at 1310 Craig Avenue in the City of Lakeport. We have the following comments:

Caltrans previously commented on the scope of work for the transportation analysis, requesting that the offramps at SR29 and Lakeport Blvd should be analyzed for traffic queueing. This was not addressed in the TIS. The TIS focuses on Level of Service and mitigation for LOS, which is no longer a transportation metric under CEQA, per SB 743 (Steinberg, 2013).

If a change to the existing intersection control method is proposed for the SR 29 ramps at Lakeport Boulevard, it should be based on safety performance at the intersections. We request that the city conduct a safety analysis before any change to traffic control is proposed. If a safety problem develops, such as queueing on the ramps to the highway lanes or an increase in collisions at the ramp intersections, we will request that an Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) be performed. Caltrans offers to assist with the analysis; however, we would need additional information in advance of the evaluation.

Feel free to contact me with questions or for further assistance with the comments provided at (707) 684-6879 or by email at: <jesse.robertson@dot.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,

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