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RE: Tuscan Rose Ranch
SCH # 2022090620
Vic. VEN-126/PM R8.9
GTS # VEN-2022-00514-MND

Dear John Kessler:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced environmental document. The proposed project would establish a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) authorizing 60 outdoor temporary events per year for an initial term of 5 years. Site improvements would consist of a ceremony area, gardens, a reception area, a gated entry with compacted gravel driveway and walkways, and a parking area with 140 parking spaces. The maximum number of attendees would be 265, comprising of 250 guests and 15 vendors. Events would be proposed from Thursdays through Sundays; however, most events are expected to occur on weekends.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Senate Bill 743 (2013) has codified into CEQA law and mandated that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed development be modified by using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts for all future development projects. You may reference the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) for more information:

<http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/guidelines/>

As a reminder, VMT is the standard transportation analysis metric in CEQA for land use projects after July 1, 2020, which is the statewide implementation date.

The operation of the proposed facility would involve 55 one-way passenger trips per day to the site for employees, guests, and vendors. As such, vehicle trips associated with this facility would be below the 110 Average Daily Trip screening threshold for VMT impacts and therefore, adverse traffic impacts relating to VMT would be less than significant.

After reviewing the Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact on the existing State transportation facilities.

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that requires the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend that large-size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # VEN-2022-00514-MND.

Sincerely,



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