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Re: PLP22-0027 Canyon Rock Company – Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR)

Dear Robert Aguero:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the PLP22-0027 Canyon Rock company project. We are committed to ensuring that impacts to the State's multimodal transportation system and to our natural environment are identified and mitigated to support a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system.

The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities. The following comments are based on our review of the August 2023 NOP.

Project Understanding

The proposed project includes the installation and operation an asphalt batch plant at the existing Canyon Rock Company Quarry site in Forestville, a rezone of portions of APNs 083-210-017 and 083-210-018 to the Mineral Resource Combing District to allow for the asphalt facility as an ancillary use to the existing quarry operation, and approve an amendment to the existing Reclamation Plan to encompass the asphalt facility and provide for the reclamation of the area in accordance with California's Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975. This project site is close to State Route (SR)-116.

Hydrology

Any increase in runoff to Caltrans' Right-of-Way (ROW) must be metered to pre-construction levels. The following comment provided for the previous permit application submittal needs to be addressed: the proposed grading as shown on

Sheet G-1 in the grading plan does not conform to existing contours. For example, the lowest proposed contour on the southern end of the project, elevation 100', is shown tying into an existing 200' contour. Once resolved, please confirm if this would increase the grading footprint towards SR-116.

Construction-Related Impacts

Potential impacts to the State ROW from project-related temporary access points should be analyzed. Mitigation for significant impacts due to construction and noise should be identified. Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, please visit Caltrans Transportation Permits ([link](#)).

Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN).

Lead Agency

As the Lead Agency, the County of Sonoma is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the STN. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

Equitable Access

If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As well, the project must maintain bicycle and pedestrian access during construction. These access considerations support Caltrans' equity mission to provide a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation network for all users.

Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any permanent work or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto Caltrans' ROW requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. As part of the encroachment permit submittal process, you may be asked by the Office of Encroachment Permits to submit a completed encroachment permit application package, digital set of plans clearly delineating Caltrans' ROW, digital copy of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans, this comment letter, your response to the comment letter, and where applicable, the following items: new or amended Maintenance Agreement (MA), approved Design Standard Decision Document (DSDD), approved encroachment exception request, and/or airspace lease agreement. Your application package may be emailed to D4Permits@dot.ca.gov.

To obtain information about the most current encroachment permit process and to download the permit application, please visit Caltrans Encroachment Permits ([link](#)).

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Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Yunsheng Luo, Associate Transportation Planner/LDR Coordinator, via LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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c: State Clearinghouse