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**CAL-49- PM 18.721 Cannabis
Distribution AUP 2024-00006 –
SCH 2024070863 - Biagas**

Dear Mr. Diamond,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the application for the proposed Cannabis development Administrative Use Permit (AUP) to construct and operate a cannabis distribution facility. The applicant is proposing to place a 40' X 60' prefabricated warehouse on the project site with a small parking area around the building and a short driveway that takes access from Truck Road. The building will be used to hold cannabis while it is undergoing regulatory testing, and to package cannabis products to be delivered to cannabis retail businesses. The projected hours of operation are from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. The applicant will be utilizing two minivans for the business. These vehicles will be stored on the property when not in use. One of the distribution vehicles will typically be stored inside of the building, and all employees will park on site. The business will not be open to the public.

The project parcel is located at 130 Truck Road, in San Andreas on Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 044-006-040.

Caltrans has the following comments:

Traffic Operations

Page 26 of the Initial Study Environmental Checklist states “the project is required to improve Angels Road (county-maintained) and Truck Road as outlined in the conditions of approval for Resolution Number 01-52, which is adopted to approve Parcel Map Number 11-131. These improvements include improving Angels Road to Calaveras County Road ordinance Standards for a through road.”

Please provide a description of what improvement will be made to Angels Camp Road that the Calaveras County Road Ordinance Standards require?

Please note if the improvements include widening Angels Road from a half width frontage road into a two-lane roadway, then the project is also required to widen Angels Road at both intersections on State Route (SR) 49 in order to accommodate the largest truck/bus entering and exiting Angels Road. Therefore, please consult with the County regarding to the largest truck/bus entering and exiting Angels Road at both intersections on SR 49. An off-trucking templates is also required for the largest truck/bus entering and exiting Angels Road from SR 49.

Hydrology

As previously request Caltrans has not received any supporting documents requested on 05/16/2023 to date. Please see list of items (1-3) below.

- 1) The proposed expansion on the above-mentioned parcels has indicated an increase in the imperious (paved) and pervious (unpaved) stormwater runoff area. If historical undeveloped topography shows drainage from this site flowed into the State right-of-way (ROW), it may continue to do so with the conditions that peak flows may not be increased from the pre-construction quantity. Any increase in runoff generated by the proposed development should be stored/mitigated onsite.
- 2) There are six (6) existing State cross culverts within the proposed landfill expansion vicinity, see attachment. Caltrans would not allow additional runoff draining into the State ROW nor significantly impacting these existing drainage facilities or flow patterns.
- 3) Caltrans would like to review the pre- and post-construction stormwater runoff calculations for two (2) 10-year/24-hour storm event and Drainage and Grading Plans showing the flow patterns. The applicant needs to ensure that the existing State drainage facilities will not be significantly impacted by the project.

Additional review will be required once the project development plans, including but not limited to, Drainage and Grading Plans and drainage calculations are submitted.

Environmental

The project appears to be outside of Caltrans ROW. However, if there are any physical construction activities that will encroach into Caltrans ROW, the project proponent must apply for an Encroachment Permit with the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. All California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation, with supporting technical studies, must be submitted with the Encroachment Permit Application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, historic properties, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, scenic highways, and/or other environmental resources within Caltrans ROW, at the project site(s).

Evidence of consultation with local Native American tribes and interested parties will need to be presented within the technical documents for approval of encroachment in the Caltrans ROW. If work will occur in Caltrans ROW between February 1 and

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September 30 of any year, a pre-construction bird survey must be conducted by a qualified biologist prior to the start of any construction related activities in Caltrans ROW. If an active nest is observed, a protective buffer must be established around the nest per California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) guidelines. No work is allowed within the protective buffer limits until the young have fledged and until authorized by the Caltrans District 10 Environmental Office. Results of the pre-construction bird survey(s) must be provided to the Caltrans District 10 Environmental Office prior to the start of construction.

Encroachment Permits

If any project activities encroach into Caltrans 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,



For
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