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RE: Major Modification Case No. PL21-0051 to Conditional Use Permit, Case No. LU10-0069– Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2024110821
GTS #07-VEN-2024-00619
VEN-1/PM 1.192

Dear Jennifer Trunk,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The Project issues a request for a Major Modification, Case No. PL21-0051, to Conditional Use Permit, Case No. LU10-0069, to authorize the reconstruction and continued operation of a recreational camp known as “Camp Hess Kramer.” The request consists of the replacement, restoration, and reconstruction of damaged and destroyed buildings, vehicle and pedestrian bridges, and outdoor activity areas. Walkways and trails, water, and wastewater infrastructure, electrical and communication, storm drainage facilities and lighting will also be repaired, replaced, or constructed. The camp is private, and no daily public use is offered. Vehicular access into the camp is via Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) to Yerba Buena Road.

After reviewing the MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

On July 3, 2014, the Planning Commission approved Case No. LU10-0069, Camp Hess Kramer’s Conditional Use Permit and Variance. The variance allows for a reduction in the required number of parking spaces to 48, as discussed in the Initial Study. The addition of a new parking structure for 48 car-parking spaces is an appropriate amount for its use, and the Project is not expected to result in a significant increase in vehicle trips. Parking will be consolidated to a new parking structure (Building 0.N) which will provide 44 spaces.

The remaining 4 spaces will be located east of the Dining Hall (Building 13.N). The parking area/tennis court (0.N) structure is the closest structure to PCH and is located approximately 35 feet from the PCH right of way (ROW). Construction of the proposed parking structure (0.5N) is not expected to adversely impact PCH, otherwise known as SR-1, and potential impacts are expected to be less than significant.

Additionally, the restoration and continuation of pre-existing camp uses will not generate significant pedestrian or bicycle traffic. Yerba Buena Road is located east of the camp, and it does not include pedestrian or bicycle facilities. State Route 1 is south of the camp and is used as a biking route. However, due to the private use of the camp, no bicycle traffic would be generated by the camp and a significant impact is not anticipated.

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that requires the use of oversized transport vehicles on State Highways will require a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends limiting 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. We look forward to the coordination of our efforts to ensure potential impacts to the highway facilities and traveling public are discussed and addressed before work begins.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Frances Duong, at frances.duong@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS #07-VEN-2024-00619.

Sincerely,



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Cc: State Clearinghouse