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Re: SCH #2024121000- General Plan Amendment and Rezone Application No. PLN2024-0100 – Gallo Glass Company

Dear Kristen Anaya:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics (Division) has reviewed the Early Consultation for the General Plan Amendment and Rezone Application No. PLN2024-0100 – Gallo Glass Company (Project). One of the goals of the Division is to assist cities, counties, and Airport Land Use Commissions (ALUC) or their equivalent, to understand and comply with the State Aeronautics Act pursuant to the California Public Utilities Code (PUC), Section 21001 et seq. Caltrans encourages collaboration with our partners in the planning process and thanks you for including the Division of Aeronautics in the review of the Early Consultation.

The Project requests to amend the General Plan designation of two parcels totaling 0.64± acres from Industrial Transition to Industrial and the zoning designation from Single-Family Residential (R-1) to Planned Development (P-D), and to modify the development plan of P-D (373) to allow for development of a stormwater drainage basin to serve the future outdoor glass storage facility. The Project site is located approximately 2,500 feet northwest of the Modesto City-County Airport.

Safety Compatibility Policies

The proposed Project site is in Safety Zones 2 & 3, the Approach/Departure Zone & Inner Turning Zone, of the Modesto City-County Airport and therefore must adhere to the safety criteria and restrictions defined in the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) adopted by the ALUC pursuant to the PUC, Section 21674. The Lead Agency should consider Safety Zones 2 & 3 Compatibility polices stipulated in the ALUCP or Handbook.

Wildlife Attractants & Hazards

Given the site's proposed use as a stormwater drainage basin, the Project should consider best practices and mitigation measures for land uses that may attract or sustain hazardous wildlife populations. Land use practices that attract or sustain hazardous wildlife populations on or near airports can significantly increase the potential for wildlife-aircraft collisions. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recommends that landfills, wastewater treatment facilities, surface mining, wetlands and other uses that have the potential to attract wildlife, be restricted in the vicinity of an airport. FAA Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5200-33B entitled "Hazardous Wildlife Attractants on or Near Airports" and AC 150/5200-34 entitled "Construction or Establishment of Landfills Near Public Airports" address these issues. For further information, please refer to the FAA website [Wildlife Hazard Mitigation | Federal Aviation Administration \(faa.gov\)](https://www.faa.gov/wildlife-hazard-mitigation). For additional information concerning wildlife damage management, you may wish to contact the United States Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services, at (916) 979-2675.

Amending a General Plan

Pursuant to the State Aeronautics Act, California Public Utilities Code Section 21676(b) mandates that local agencies refer proposed amendments to general or specific plans within airport land use commission boundaries to the commission for review. If the commission deems the proposed action inconsistent with its plan, the referring agency will be notified. Any development within safety zones or airport influence areas must comply with the safety criteria and restrictions outlined in the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan(s).

Closing Statements

An ALUCP is crucial in minimizing noise nuisance and safety hazards around airports while promoting the orderly development in the vicinity of airports, as declared by the California Legislature. A responsibility of the ALUC is to assess potential risk to aircraft and persons in airspace and people occupying areas within the vicinity of the airport.

These comments reflect the areas of review by Caltrans Division of Aeronautics with respect to airport-related noise, safety, and land use planning issues. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please contact me by email at leana.tolentino@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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