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Calaveras Humane Society  
Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 2018-024**

Ms. Gina Kathan  
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Government Center  
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Dear Ms. Kathan,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the site development and zoning amendment to Rural Commercial Planned Development (RC-PD) for Calaveras Humane Society. The project is located at 1209 State Route (SR) 49 with assessor parcel number 058-001-009, approximately 1.5 miles northwest of the intersection of SR 49 and SR 4 in Angels Camp. The project site is a 0.49-acre parcel zoned General Commercial - Planned Development (C2-PD) and is designated in the Angels Camp Sphere of Influence as Office Space/Recreation.

The project proponent proposes to convert the single-story wood-framed building (3,904 sq.ft.) into a shelter housing dogs, cats and other small animals, spaces for offices, and restrooms. The project includes remodeling the interior and exterior of the existing building, adding outdoor space for dogs and cats, new landscaping, fencing, signage, and parking lot improvements with two new driveway encroachments onto SR 49.

Caltrans reviewed the CUP and provided a letter on May 18, 2018 and May 24, 2018. Caltrans has the following comments that supersede the previous letters provided:

Caltrans request to review and evaluate the sight distance of both driveways. Both driveway approaches must be paved, and the public entrance should be well defined through signage to prevent the public from attempting to enter via the emergency access driveway.

Caltrans still wants to be informed of the hours of operations. The public gate shall remain open during hours of operation to prevent vehicles from waiting in the State Right of Way (ROW). The public gate can retain a rolling gate and be placed less than 50 feet from the edge of the travel lane, if positioned outside State ROW and remains open during business hours. Caltrans requests the distance of both rolling gates be a minimum of 30 feet from the edge of travel lane pavement.

Caltrans notes the proponent is proposing a 11 foot gate emergency entrance. The public entrance shall conform to commercial standards to ensure concurrent ingress and egress of the traveling public. The throat depth for the south access gate may be less than 50 feet if conditioned as an emergency access on the final

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map. The throat depth of the public access driveway must be at least 50 feet from the edge of travel lane to ensure vehicles will not back up on to SR 49 during normal operational hours. Any parking stalls within the 50 feet throat depth will need to be relocated, including the parking stall nearest to the public access rolling fence. All proposed or future fixed objects (display sign, planter boxes, fence) shall be placed onto the private parcel. The existing "no parking any time" signs, shall be retained along the State ROW.

The modifications to the project site will need to contain any increase in runoff generated by this project. Runoff from the project site to State ROW should not exceed existing flows for significant storm recurrence intervals. Any increase in flow due to construction activity on the proposed project must be treated within the project site. With these conditions satisfied, minimal impact to the State ROW is anticipated. Please provide the drainage plan with calculations for review and verification once they are available.

These project construction activities will encroach into State ROW requiring the project proponent to submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans Encroachment Permits Office. Any request for new encroachments onto the State highway system will need to obtain a Caltrans Encroachment Permit. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with any encroachment permit applications. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and/or other resources within State ROW at the project site.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (209) 948-7325 (email [gregoria.ponce@dot.ca.gov](mailto:gregoria.ponce@dot.ca.gov)) or Kevin Schroder (209) 941-1947 (email [kevin.schroder@dot.ca.gov](mailto:kevin.schroder@dot.ca.gov)) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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