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GREEN SMART FARMER

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Mr. Jason Waters, Director
 Community Development Department
 City of Woodlake
 350 N. Valencia Boulevard
 Woodlake, CA 93286

Dear Mr. Waters:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the expansion of 2 new 75,600 square-foot warehouses (151,200 square feet total) to an existing Cannabis Cultivation and Distribution facility currently operating within a 75,600 square-foot warehouse. The 31-acre project site is located at 915 West Ropes Avenue (Avenue 342), approximately ¼ mile west of Blair Road (Road 204) and approximately ½ mile southeast of the State Route (SR) 216/Blair Road intersection.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. To ensure a safe and efficient transportation system, we encourage early consultation and coordination with local jurisdictions and project proponents on all development projects that utilize the multimodal transportation network.

Caltrans provides the *following comments* consistent with the State's smart mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and sustainable communities:

1. Caltrans anticipates that SR 216 would be used as the main arterial route to access the project site.
2. On pages 64 and 65 of the MND, in Section XVII - Transportation/Traffic, there is not enough detail as to whether the expansion would have any traffic impact in the vicinity of the project to the State Highway System. The MND states that the expansion would employ 20 full time staff, 7 days per week and generate approximately 40 employee vehicle trips per day. Additionally, the MND states that delivery trucks trips are anticipated to generate 20 trips per week. The MND states, in total, the project would generate 60 trips per day. Please verify if the truck trips are weekly or daily.
3. Using the passenger car equivalent (PCE) ratio of 2.5 passenger cars trips per truck trip, the 20 truck trips would equal 50 vehicle trips per week or approximately 7 trips per day. Using the PCE ratio, Caltrans estimates that the project would generate a total of 47 trips per day.

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4. Caltrans anticipates that the Intersection of Blair Road at SR 216 appears too narrow for truck movements and may need to be upgraded to accommodate safe turning movements of large vehicles. Caltrans recommends that truck turning templates be submitted to Caltrans for this intersection to verify safe turning movements from SR 216 to Blair Road and from Blair Road to SR 216.
5. Caltrans recommends that that the project proponent contribute its fair share to the City of Woodlake's Development Impact Fee Program to provide necessary mitigation for the future improvements of the State and local transportation facilities in the area, particularly, the intersection of SR 216 and Blair Road.
6. Alternative transportation policies should be applied to the development. An assessment of multi-modal facilities should be conducted to develop an integrated multi-modal transportation system to serve and help alleviate traffic congestion caused by the project and related development in this area of the City. The assessment should include the following:
 - a. Pedestrian walkways should link this proposal to an internal project area walkway, transit facilities, as well as other walkways in the surrounding area.
 - b. The project should consider bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation and offer internal amenities to encourage bicycle use which should include parking and security.
 - c. If transit is not available within ¼-mile of the site, transit should be extended to provide services to what will be a high activity center.

If you have any other questions, please call me at (559) 488-7396.

Sincerely,



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