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Ms. Renee Hendry, Planner II 94 N. Washington Street County of Tuolumne Community Resources Agency 2 South Green Street Sonora, CA 95370 TUO-120-PM 32.142 Hirsch-Historic Use Permit (CUPH)15-003 and Conditional Use Permit (CUP)15-009 SCH# 2019099007

Dear Ms. Hendry,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the application from Regina and Rob Hirsch for Hirsch-CUPH15-003 and CUP15-009. The proposed project is located on Assessor's Parcel Number 007-010-22 at 18653 Main Street in Groveland. All proposed activity uses will be held on a 2.7± acre portion of a 21.0± acre parcel in association with the existing Mountain Sage Nursery and Restaurant.

Caltrans has reviewed the Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and has the following comments:

Caltrans has responded to the previous scoping documents for this project on August 12, 2015, September 1, 2017, and April 11, 2019. Previous comments and concerns still apply, and the following comments are in addition to all previous comments provided.

- It is recommended to have traffic control signing on State Route (SR) 120 to direct traffic to parking area and coordinate with California Highway Patrol (CHP) during these events. All signing must be placed outside of Caltrans right-of-way (ROW).
- 2. There should be no parking along SR 120 for any of the proposed events.

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3. Hydrology, Biological, Safety issues on SR 120, and Wildlife habitat measures stated in the IS/MND will need to be adhered to during any construction activities within Caltrans ROW.

Lastly, developments in the future will need to be reviewed again by Caltrans. Where an Encroachment Permit will be required for any work done within Caltrans ROW now, or in future proposed developments, or any construction activities that will encroach into Caltrans ROW, appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application. Please include California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation with supporting technical studies when submitting the Encroachment Permit. For more information please visit the Caltrans Website. https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these comments, please contact Michael Casas at (209) 948-7475 (<u>michael.casas@dot.ca.gov</u> or me at (209) 948-7325 (gregoria.ponce@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely

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