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SENT VIA EMAIL

Mr. Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner
 Tulare County - Resource Management Agency
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Dear Mr. Guerra:

Thank you for the opportunity to review Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) 19003, proposing to divide approximately 69 acres into 405 single-family lots and Zone Variance No. 19018 to allow an increase to the units per acre density ratio. Previous review of this project indicated 463 single-family lots on the site plan. The project site is located on the southwest corner of the Avenue 308/Road 64 intersection, approximately 1/4 mile west of State Route (SR) 99.

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. As a point of information, Caltrans acquired right-of-way (ROW) for the SR 99/Betty Drive interchange project for the realignment of Road 64 (labeled as Road 63 on the site plan) and along Avenue 308 for the new intersections at Avenue 308/Road 64 and at Betty Drive/Road 64. This ROW is still under Caltrans jurisdiction. Potentially, this Caltrans owned ROW for Avenue 308 & Road 64 would be relinquished back the County of Tulare. However, a timeline has not been established as to when the relinquishment will occur.
2. Page 121, *Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities*. Caltrans concurs with the statement regarding investments in alternative modes of transportation and their ability to improve air quality by reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT).
3. Page 119, **17. Transportation F**: It should be noted that changes in weather can significantly hinder accessibility for bicyclists and pedestrians, particularly where pedestrian facilities are not present or limited as stated on page **126, 2nd paragraph**.

4. Therefore, Caltrans recommends that the County require the Project to construct curb, gutter, sidewalks, and bike lanes along the Project's frontage along Avenue 308 and along Road 64. These frontage improvements will provide multi-modal connectivity for pedestrians and bicycle riders within the community of Goshen which can ultimately reduce (VMT) as stated on Page 121, *Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities*. These improvements can also provide connectivity to the elementary school and the pedestrian bridge across SR 99 located at the Avenue 308 intersection with SR 99, approximately ¼ mile east of Project site.
5. Page 122, "Caltrans: Transportation Concept Reports"- "The nearest facility is SR 137 approximately 4.5 miles north of the Project." This is incorrect, the nearest State facility is SR 99 which is ¼ east of Project site.
6. It is anticipated that future growth will likely occur in the community, particularly on the westside of SR 99/Betty Drive interchange. Therefore, Caltrans would like to reiterate that there may a future need for an additional major east-west (across SR 99) corridor within the community of Goshen to support future traffic circulation.

If you have any other questions, please call Edgar Hernandez at (559) 488-4168.

Sincerely,



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