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**Project – Vaca Valley Hotel Project Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)**

Dear Angelica Garcia:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Vaca Valley Hotel project. We are committed to ensuring that impacts to the State's multimodal transportation system and to our natural environment are identified and mitigated to support a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system. The following comments are based on our review of the November 2019 IS/MND.

***Project Understanding***

The Vaca Valley Hotel project site is located at the southwest corner of Vaca Valley Parkway and E. Monte Vista Avenue in the northwestern portion of the City of Vacaville. The proposed project includes development of a 144 room hotel, free-standing restaurant building, and office building on 4.42 developable acres, along with 242 parking spaces, and associated water, wastewater and storm drainage infrastructure. Access to the site is via Interstate (I)-505 and is approximately 700 feet from the Vaca Valley Parkway on- and off-ramp.

**Highway Operations**

Page 101 of the IS/MND identifies potential improvements to the I-505/Vaca Valley Parkway interchange that may include the addition of a roundabout at the Vaca Valley Parkway/E. Monte Vista Avenue, Vaca Valley Parkway/I-505 southbound (SB) ramp, and Vaca Valley Parkway/I-505 northbound (NB) ramp intersections. Caltrans requests that any intersection improvements or

modifications be coordinated with Caltrans so as not to impede the operations at the SB I-505 ramp.

**Lead Agency**

As the Lead Agency, the City of Vacaville is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the State Transportation Network (STN). The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

**Encroachment Permit**

Please be advised that any work or traffic control that encroaches onto the State right-of-way (ROW) requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit. To obtain an encroachment permit, a completed encroachment permit application, environmental documentation, six (6) sets of plans clearly indicating the State ROW, and six (6) copies of signed, dated and stamped (include stamp expiration date) traffic control plans must be submitted to: Office of Encroachment Permits, California DOT, District 4, P.O. Box 23660, Oakland, CA 94623-0660. To download the permit application and obtain more information, visit <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mark Leong at 510-286-5528 or [mark.leong@dot.ca.gov](mailto:mark.leong@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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