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The California Highway Patrol (CHP) Redding Area, has reviewed the Environmental Impact Document (SCH 2021070574) proposed by the City of Shasta Lake. The CHP Redding Area was asked to evaluate potential traffic safety and congestion issues relative to the proposed project located within the City of Shasta Lake in relation to development for future expansion.

The proposed magnitude of the project (+2,500 Acres) would likely place a greater strain on limited public safety resources with the expected increase in vehicular traffic on State Route 151, Interstate 5 and unincorporated county roads within Shasta County. The proposed project is located directly in connection with State Route 151 and Interstate 5 which traverse through the middle of the City of Shasta Lake. These roadways already suffer from heavy congestion during peak periods of use and during special events in the City of Shasta Lake and Shasta County. This project could have a negative impact on CHP Redding operations due to the increased traffic congestion, which could necessitate the need for additional traffic control measures to mitigate the potential increase in traffic collisions within our jurisdiction. The potential impact to CHP operations are as follows:

- **Increased Traffic** – This would potentially increase traffic congestion and calls for service on Interstate 5. This increase in workload could have a negative impact on response times to calls for service.
- **Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety** – With increased housing, including additional new roadways, comes the concern of increased vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic. Potential concerns include the design of roadways of sufficient size to accommodate vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists at concurrent times while keeping safety paramount. This could also potentially increase traffic congestion and calls for service, negatively impacting CHP Redding's ability to respond to calls for service in a timely manner.
- **Increased Heavy Truck Traffic** – The addition of housing and businesses would increase delivery of goods and products to local retailers and residential customers. A review of current truck routes and approved hazardous materials routes would need to be completed to ensure an efficient flow of traffic on all state highways and local roads. A review to ensure the roads are capable of the increased truck traffic to include the increased size and weight associated with heavy truck traffic.
- **School Bus Routing** – CHP Redding oversees school bus operations within Shasta County, and with increased housing and new roadways, school bus routes would need to be revised which would include a review of any new bus stops by CHP Redding. CHP Redding is also

responsible for school bus driver testing and licensing within Shasta County. With increased residential housing, this would cause an increased workload for CHP Redding to review and approve school bus stops and to process and approve school bus driver applicants. Furthermore, the safety of children at all school bus stops is the highest priority, and locations would need to be safe and suitable for existing vehicular traffic, pedestrian, bicyclist and a school bus at concurrent times.

- **Additional Enforcement Demands** – Increased housing and new roadways brings more vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists, which all use roadways within California. CHP Redding would have an increased workload to ensure traffic safety remains paramount. Additionally, CHP Redding could incur more congestion of local roads, state highways, and state freeways. Increased congestion increases calls for service, which ultimately reduces the response times as the call volume increases.
- **Reduction of Jurisdiction** – With the proposed expansion project, the City of Shasta Lake could potentially expand its city limits thereby causing a reduction of CHP Redding jurisdiction on local roads.

If you have any questions regarding these concerns, please contact CHP Redding at (530) 225-0500.

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