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**AMA-88-PM R57.542**  
**Hoover's Hide Out**  
**ZC20:10-01**  
**UP20:10-02**

Chuck Beatty, Director  
Amador Planning Department  
810 Court Street  
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Dear Mr. Beatty:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the application for a Zone Change (ZC) 20:10-01 and Use Permit (UP) 20:10-02 for the Hoover's Hide Out. The facility is currently used for a vacation home (through VRBO); and on-site events including summer weddings, winter activities, and special events. The Hideout's peak season is June through October for summer vacations and events, and from January to April for winter activities and vacations. The peak season of June to October will accommodate up to two events per week for up to 35 events total per peak season. Large events such as weddings will have up to 130+ vehicles per event. The property is located at 43300 State Route (SR) 88, Assessor Parcel Number 026-060-018, and within the El Dorado National Forest on 40 acres of private land.

Caltrans has the following comments:

**Traffic Operations:**

- Senate Bill (SB) 743 is changing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis of transportation impacts. It requires local land use projects to provide a safe transportation system, reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled (VMT), increase accessibility by mode share of bicycle, pedestrian, and transit travel, and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. To support VMT reduction and statewide GHG reductions, Caltrans suggests public transit routes or private shuttle extended to and from the proposed facility.

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- Land use change to this property may include commercial activities with direct access to this site from SR 88. Caltrans requires commercial standards for each driveway serving a commercial land use. Any new driveways, as well as any existing driveways if used as part of the proposed project, shall be built or upgraded to current Caltrans standards. See Highway Design Manual (HDM) Section 205 to ensure driveway entrance is built according to HDM Index 205.4 Driveways in Rural Areas.
- Standards are available online at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/> and at the District 10 Encroachment Permits Office.
- All work within Caltrans Right of Way (ROW) will require encroachment permits.

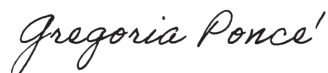
**Encroachment Permit:**

If any project activities encroach into Caltrans ROW, an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans Permit Office is required. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with the application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and/or other resources within Caltrans ROW at the project site. Please include CEQA documentation with supporting technical studies when submitting the Encroachment Permit. For more information please visit the Caltrans Website at;

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>

If you have any question or would like to discuss these comments, please contact Michael Casasat (209) 986-9830 (email: [Michael.Casas@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Michael.Casas@dot.ca.gov)) or me at (209) 483-7234 (email: [Gregoria.Ponce@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Gregoria.Ponce@dot.ca.gov)).

Sincerely,



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