

La Mesa Vineyards Use Permit UP-19;12-1 Caltrans IGR project AMA-49 PM 20.49

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Hello Krista,

Please find the Caltrans comment letter for la Mesa Vineyards Conditional approval use Permit. Please let me know that you have received the attachment. If there are any questions or concerns please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

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September 7, 2021

Krista Ruesel, Planner I Amador County Planning Department 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642

AMA-49- PM 20.49 Condition of Approval Amendment; Use Permit UP19;12-1

Dear Ms. Ruesel,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to comment on Condition of Approval Amendment request for La Mesa Vineyards, proposing revisions to the current Conditions of Approval for the approved Use Permit UP-19;12-1 La Mesa Vineyards. Property is 24.83 acres and zoned Single-family Residential and Agriculture (R1A).

Applicant proposes to develop a wine tasting room and storage facility for visitors, including a restroom and outdoor patio overlooking the vineyards, compensated or noncompensated events with up to 125 persons in attendance with no limitation on number of events per year. Also planned are social gatherings or weddings for up to and including 450 persons up to and including 12 events per year with no more than four such events per month. The project is located at 13200 Shenandoah Road in Plymouth approximately 6 miles east of State Route (SR) 49.

Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans suggests Amador County continue to coordinate and consult with Caltrans to identify and address potential cumulative transportation impacts from this project and other developments near this location. This will assist Caltrans in ensuring that traffic safety and quality standards are maintained for the traveling public on existing and future state transportation facilities.

Traffic Operations

Senate Bill (SB) 743 is changing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis of transportation impacts commencing. It requires local land use projects to provide a safe transportation system, reduce per capita vehicle miles of travel (VMT), increase accessibility by mode share of bicycle, pedestrian, and transit travel, and

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reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. With the proposed project's significant generated trip per day, especially during social gatherings or weddings, VMT reduction is necessary to meet the statewide GHG emissions. Caltrans suggests public transit route extension to and from La Mesa Vineyards at 13200 Shenandoah Road, Plymouth, CA.

Encroachment Permits

If any future project activities encroach into Caltrans Right-of-Way (ROW), the project proponent must submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application. These studies will analyze potential impacts to any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and/or other resources within Caltrans ROW at the project site(s). For more information, please visit the Caltrans website at: https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications

Please contact Lloyd Clark at (209) 941-1982 (email: Lloyd.clark@dot.ca.gov) or me at (209) 483-7234 (email: Gregoria.Ponce@dot.ca.gov) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Gregoria Ponce, Chief Office of Rural Planning

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