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Chad Alinio
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Salinas, CA 93901

Subject: Carmel Valley Master Plan - Traffic Improvement Plan
SCH#: 2006081151

Dear Chad Alinio:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Supplemental EIR to selected state agencies for review. On the enclosed Document Details Report please note that the Clearinghouse has listed the state agencies that reviewed your document. The review period closed on June 26, 2009, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) enclosed. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

"A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

These comments are forwarded for use in preparing your final environmental document. Should you need more information or clarification of the enclosed comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Terry Roberts
Director, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures
cc: Resources Agency

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RFS# _____

CONST/MAINT: _____

FINANCE: _____

DESIGN: _____

DEV/TRANSP: Saunwin; Alinio; Martinez

ENV/TRAFF: _____

CAP PROJ: _____

FLEET: _____

FACILITIES: _____

ACTION/NOTES: _____

MF: Carmel Valley Master Plan

**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

SCH# 2006081151
Project Title Carmel Valley Master Plan - Traffic Improvement Plan
Lead Agency Monterey County

Type SIR Supplemental EIR
Description NOTE: Review Per Lead

Portions of the proposed Carmel Valley Traffic Improvement Program have been updated since the August 2007 draft SEIR. As updated, the Carmel Valley Traffic Improvement Program includes a specified list of road improvements along Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade within the Carmel Valley Master Plan Area in Monterey County, proposed amendments to the Carmel Valley Master Plan, consideration of several interim improvement options for one intersection, a change in LOS standard for one segment (Segment 3), and a proposed update of traffic impact fees to pay for the proposed improvements through collection of fees from new development. This program constitutes the "project" analyzed in the Draft SEIR dated August 2007 and this PRDEIR, for the purposes of CEQA. This EIR is a programmatic EIR and is not intended as a project-level CEQA documents for the proposed improvements. Project-level CEQA compliance would need to be completed for proposed improvements at the point at which designs have been developed to allow site-specific analysis of environmental impacts.

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Project Location

County Monterey
City
Region
Lat / Long
Cross Streets State Hwy 1
Parcel No.
Township

Range **Section** **Base**

Proximity to:

Highways 1
Airports Monterey
Railways
Waterways Carmel River
Schools Carmel MS & HS, Junipero Serra ES, Carmel Riv ES, Hall, Carmelo
Land Use

Project Issues Landuse; Traffic/Circulation

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Department of Conservation; Department of Fish and Game, Region 4; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; Caltrans, Division of Aeronautics; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 5; Air Resources Board, Transportation Projects; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 3; Native American Heritage Commission; Cal Fire; Caltrans, Division of Transportation Planning

Date Received 05/05/2009 **Start of Review** 05/05/2009 **End of Review** 06/26/2009

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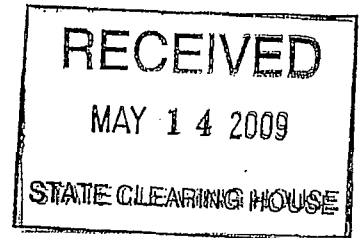
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RE: SCH#2006081151 Camel Valley Master Plan-Traffic Improvement Plan; Monterey County.

Dear Mr. Alinio:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has reviewed the Notice of Completion (NOC) referenced above. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) states that any project that causes a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource, which includes archeological resources, is a significant effect requiring the preparation of an EIR (CEQA Guidelines 15064(b)). To comply with this provision the lead agency is required to assess whether the project will have an adverse impact on historical resources within the area of project effect (APE), and if so to mitigate that effect. To adequately assess and mitigate project-related impacts to archaeological resources, the NAHC recommends the following actions:

- ✓ Contact the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center for a record search. The record search will determine:
 - If a part or all of the area of project effect (APE) has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
 - If any known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.
 - If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
 - If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
- ✓ If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
 - The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure.
 - The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center.
- ✓ Contact the Native American Heritage Commission for:
 - A Sacred Lands File Check. USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle name, township, range and section required.
 - A list of appropriate Native American contacts for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in the mitigation measures. Native American Contacts List attached.
- ✓ Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude their subsurface existence.
 - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of accidentally discovered archeological resources, per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15064.5(f). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American, with knowledge in cultural resources, should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
 - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the disposition of recovered artifacts, in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
 - Lead agencies should include provisions for discovery of Native American human remains in their mitigation plan. Health and Safety Code §7050.5, CEQA §15064.5(e), and Public Resources Code §5097.98 mandates the process to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

Sincerely,

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CC: State Clearinghouse