

APPENDIX B

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To: Reviewing Agencies
Re: Creekview Specific Plan
SCH# 2008032017

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Creekview Specific Plan draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

Kathy Pease
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with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Acting Director, State Clearinghouse

Attachments
cc: Lead Agency

**Document Details Report
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SCH# 2008032017
Project Title Creekview Specific Plan
Lead Agency Roseville, City of

Type NOP Notice of Preparation
Description The Creekview Specific Plan (CSP) proposes to provide comprehensive planning for the 501 acres CSP project area. The CSP will address all aspects of future development within the CSP site including land use, resource management, infrastructure, public services and design.

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Project Location

County Placer
City Roseville
Region
Cross Streets Blue Oaks Blvd, future Westbrook Dr, Phillip Rd
Lat / Long 38° 48' N / 121° 23' W
Parcel No. various
Township 11 **Range** **Section** 14,23 **Base**

Proximity to:

Highways
Airports
Railways
Waterways Pleasant Grove Creek
Schools
Land Use Agricultural and rural residential/F-B-X 80 acre minimum/Agricultural

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Agricultural Land; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Cumulative Effects; Drainage/Absorption; Economics/Jobs; Flood Plain/Flooding; Geologic/Seismic; Growth Inducing; Landuse; Noise; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Schools/Universities; Sewer Capacity; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Solid Waste; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Water Supply; Wetland/Riparian

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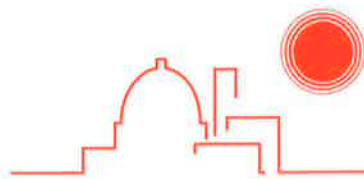
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FILE: Creekview Specific Plan

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We have reviewed the Notice of an EIR Scoping Meeting for the Creekside Specific Plan located north of Blue Oaks Blvd. and west of Fiddymont Ranch.

At this time and juncture of the tentative map process we do not have any comments as SMUD does not have any facilities within the footprint of the planned project.

Any revisions relative to the footprint of the project must be submitted in writing to the Real Estate section of SMUD.

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COMMENTS ON NOTICE OF EIR SCOPING MEETING AND PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, CREEKVIEW SPECIFIC PLAN, PLACER COUNTY, SCH#2008032017

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) provides an opportunity for the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) to exercise their authority to require avoidance, minimization and mitigation of impacts to the waters of the state. The State Water Board and the Regional Water Boards regulate discharges to protect the quality of waters of the state, broadly defined as "the chemical, physical, biological, bacteriological, radiological, and other properties and characteristics of water which affects its use"¹. CEQA Guidelines Section 15041 grants the Regional Water Boards the authority to require changes in a project to lessen or avoid effects of that part of the project which the Responsible Agency will be called on to approve or permit. Early consultation is encouraged, as project reconfiguration may be required to avoid and minimize impacts to waters of the state.

Effects of Urban Development on Water Quality

Watersheds are complex natural systems in which physical, chemical, and biologic components interact to create the beneficial uses of water on which our economy and well-being depend. Poorly planned urban development upsets these natural interactions and degrades water quality through a web of interrelated effects. The primary impacts of poorly planned development projects on water quality are:

- **Direct impacts** – the direct physical impacts of filling and excavation on wetlands, riparian areas, and other waters;
- **Pollutants** – the generation of urban pollutants during and after construction;
- **Hydrologic Modification** – the alteration of flow regimes and groundwater recharge by impervious surfaces and stormwater collector systems;
- **Watershed-level effects** – the disruption of watershed-level aquatic functions, including pollutant removal, floodwater retention, and habitat connectivity.

These impacts typically degrade water quality, increase peak flows and flooding, and destabilize stream channels, resulting in engineered solutions to the disrupted flow patterns and, ultimately, near-total loss of natural functions and values in the affected basins. Many

¹ California Water Code, §13050.

examples of such degradation exist in California and elsewhere. The Water Boards' are mandated to prevent such degradation.

Comments on the Proposed Development

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for this project should characterize all project-specific, cumulative, direct, and indirect impacts of this project on the quality of waters of the state as defined above, and identify alternatives and other mitigation measures to reduce and eliminate such impacts. Analyses should include:

1. Avoidance and Minimization Analysis

There are many ways a proposed project can degrade water quality, and this complicates analysis. Fortunately, avoiding or minimizing any step in a pollution pathway will eliminate or reduce subsequent effects, and will simplify the associated needed analyses; and a small number of key variables control most of the pathways causing water quality degradation. We strongly encourage avoidance as the primary strategy to address water quality concerns.

Please include in the DEIR:

- a. Measures to avoid or minimize each potential cause of water quality degradation.
- b. An analysis of why any remaining impacts cannot be avoided or further minimized.

2. Alternatives Analysis

Because development projects can individually and cumulatively cause major water quality impacts, we strongly encourage a low-impact planning approach.

Please:

- a. Include in the alternatives presented in the DEIR a low-impact approach, based on principles and practices described in the documents listed, *Low Impact Development References*.
- b. Such an approach generally involves more compact development that:
 - minimizes generation of urban pollutants;
 - preserves the amenity and other values of natural waters;
 - maintains natural waters, drainage paths, landscape features and other water-holding areas to promote stormwater retention, pollution removal, and groundwater recharge;
 - designs communities and landscaping to minimize stormwater generation, runoff, and concentration; promote groundwater recharge; and reduce water demand;
 - promotes water conservation and re-use.

3. Identification of Affected Waters

A clear understanding of the location and nature of the waters potentially affected by this project is fundamental to fulfillment of our regulatory responsibilities. Please:

- a. Provide regional-scale and 1:24,000-scale (or other appropriate scale for the project) maps and a description of all waters potentially affected by the proposed project, tabulated and organized by watershed (drainage basin) and waterbody type, e.g.,

wetlands, riparian areas (as defined by the National Academy of Sciences)², streams, other surface waters, and groundwater basins (a greater level of discrimination is usually appropriate, e.g. of wetland type). An estimate of the quality status of the resource should be included.

- b. For waterbodies expected to be directly affected, identify the acreage and, for drainage or shoreline features, the number of linear feet potentially impacted, and sum the total affected acres and linear feet by waterbody type.
- c. Identify any "isolated" wetlands or other waters excluded from federal jurisdiction by court decisions³.

2. Characterization of Impacts

As noted above, we believe avoidance is the best strategy for managing potential water quality impacts. In case avoidance is not achievable, a description of the overriding considerations must be included.

For unavoidable impacts, understanding how pollution pathways will operate is essential to managing them.

Please:

- a. Specify the causes, natures, and magnitude of all proposed impacts. Provide a level of analyses commensurate with the size and complexity of the project and its potential water quality impacts.
- b. Quantify impacts as definitively as feasible, using appropriate modeling and adequate data. Modeling approaches should be documented; and data deficiencies or other factors affecting the reliability of the results identified and characterized.
- c. Identify whether impacts will be temporary or permanent.

5. Hydrologic Disruption Analysis

Because increased runoff from developed areas is the key variable driving a number of other adverse effects, attention to maintaining the pre-development hydrograph will prevent or minimize many problems and will limit the need for other analyses and mitigation in the EIR.

Please:

- a. Perform an existing status hydrograph profile. Include in the DEIR's alternatives and mitigations analyses measures to maintain the pre-project hydrograph.

² "Riparian areas are transitional between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and are distinguished by gradients in biophysical conditions, ecological process, and biota. They are areas through which surface and subsurface hydrology connect water bodies with their adjacent uplands. They include those portions of terrestrial ecosystems that significantly influence exchanges of energy and matter with aquatic ecosystems (i.e., a zone of influence). Riparian areas are adjacent to perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral streams, lakes, and estuarine-marine shorelines" (National Research Council. *Riparian Areas, Functions and Strategies for Management*. National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C. 2002). Riparian areas are created and maintained by periodic inundation by overbank flood flows from the adjacent surface water bodies.

³ E.g., U.S. Supreme Court, *Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*, 2001.

- b. Provide a meaningful analysis of potential cumulative impacts to watershed hydrology from existing and other planned development in the watershed or planning area.

6. Habitat Connectivity Analysis

Riparian corridors and other waters within the regulatory purview of the Water Boards play an important role in maintaining habitat connectivity. Both aquatic and terrestrial habitat may be fragmented by impacts to streams, riparian areas, or other waters.

Please:

- a. Analyze the regional importance of movement corridors in and along waterbodies, the potential effect of disrupting such corridors, how those disruptions will be avoided, and the potential for enhancing such corridors through mitigation measures.
- b. Include information regarding any sensitive plant and animal species that likely utilize the corridors.
- c. Identify any impacts to riparian or other waters that could compromise future remediation of existing connectivity barriers.
- d. To inform these analyses, consider the information and literature referenced in Attachment 1, *Terrestrial Habitat Connectivity Related To Wetland, Riparian, and Other Aquatic Resources*, including recent data on the role of riparian corridors as movement corridors in California.

Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

The DEIR should include a proposed Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) as required by California Public Resource Code Section 21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations Section 15097. The MMRP must include the elements outlined in this comment letter for purposes of monitoring how they are addressed through the entire process of adopting the EIR, and throughout the design and implementation phase of the project.

Low Impact Development References

http://www.opr.ca.gov/ceqa/pdfs/Technical_Advisory_LID.pdf

We welcome the opportunity to work with you and the project proponent to make this project an example of environmental sustainability in California. If we may clarify any of our comments or be of further assistance, please contact me at (916) 464-4736 or dradulescu@waterboards.ca.gov.



Dan Radulescu, P.E.
Lead of the 401 / Municipal Storm Water Unit

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State Water Resources Control Board

**Terrestrial Habitat Connectivity Related To
Wetland, Riparian and Other Aquatic Resources**

Terrestrial Habitat Connectivity as Related To Wetland, Riparian, and Other Aquatic Resources

"Habitat connectivity" refers to the need for plant and animal populations to have some mobility over the landscape, i.e., to avoid becoming "isolated" or "disjunct."¹ A large body of research has demonstrated that such "isolated" populations face a high probability of eventual extinction, even if their immediate habitats are spared.² In general, the smaller such an isolated population, the more quickly it will die out. Urban development typically fragments habitat by creating artificial landscapes which are movement barriers for most species. Unless mitigation measures are taken, isolated, non-viable populations are created as buildings, roads, and landscaping cut off lines of movement.

In the context of wetlands, "habitat connectivity" refers to three related phenomena:

- a. The need of some animals to have access to both wetland and upland habitats at different parts of their life cycle. Some wetland animals, e.g., some amphibians and turtles, require access at different seasons and/or at different life stages to both wetland and to nearby upland. Preserving the wetland but not access to upland habitat will locally exterminate such species.³
- b. The ecological relationship between separate wetlands. Some wetland communities and their associated species comprise networks of "patches" throughout a landscape. Wetland plants and animals are adapted to the presence of wetland complexes within a watershed and are dependent on moving among the wetlands within the complex, either regularly or in response to environmental stressors such as flood or drought, local food shortage, predator pressure, or influx of pollution. Removing one such water from the complex will reduce the biological quality of the rest, and at some point the simplified wetland complex will be incapable of supporting at least some of the species, even though some wetlands remain.⁴
- c. The role wetlands and riparian corridors play in allowing larger-scale movements. Some strategically located wetlands and continuous strips of riparian habitat along streams facilitate connectivity at watershed and regional scales for terrestrial as well as aquatic and amphibious species.

As noted above, habitat connectivity is critical to biodiversity maintenance, and will become more so because of global warming. Significant range shifts and other responses to global warming have already occurred. The ability of biotic populations to move across the landscape may be critical to their survival in coming decades.⁵

¹ Such mobility may occur at the level of the individual organism (e.g., a bird or turtle travelling between separated wetlands) and/or of the population (e.g., a plant species colonizing a new wetland through seed dispersal); and over different time scales.

² For the effects of habitat fragmentation and population isolation on the survival of plants and animals, see for example:

K. L. Knutson and V.L. Naef, *Management Recommendations for Washington's Priority Habitats: Riparian*, Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Olympia, WA, December 1997, p. 71.

R.F Noss and A.Y Cooperrider, *Saving Nature's Legacy; Protecting and Restoring Biodiversity*, Washington, D.C., Island Press, 1994, pp. 33-34, 50-54, 59-62, 61-62.

D.E. Saunders, R.J. Hobbs, and C.R. Margules, "Biological Consequences of Ecosystem Fragmentation: A Review," *Conservation Biology* 5(1), March 1991, pp. 18-32.

Michael E. Soulé, "Land Use Planning and Wildlife Maintenance, Guidelines for Conserving Wildlife in an Urban Landscape," *Journal of the American Planning Association* 57(3), 1991, pp. 313-323.

Michael E. Soulé, "The Effects of Habitat Fragmentation on Chaparral Plants and Vertebrates," *Oikos* 63, 1992, pp. 39-47.

United States Federal Interagency Stream Restoration Working Group, *Stream Corridor Restoration: Principles, Practices, and Processes*, October 1998, [Online]. Available from: http://www.usda.gov/stream_restoration. Printed copy available from: National Technical Information Service (NTIS), Springfield, VA, pp. 2-80, 2-82.

³ Regarding the relationship between wetland/riparian and upland habitats, see for example:

Vincent J. Burke and J. Whitfield Gibbons, "Terrestrial Buffer Zones and Wetland Conservation: A Case Study of Freshwater Turtles in a Carolina Bay," *Conservation Biology* 9(6), 1995, pp. 1365-1369;

C. Kenneth Dodd, Jr. and Brian S. Cade, "Movement Patterns and the Conservation of Amphibians Breeding in Small Temporary Wetlands," *Conservation Biology* 12(2), 1998, pp. 331-339;

Raymond D. Semlitsch, "Biological Delineation of Terrestrial Buffer Zones for Pond Breeding Salamanders," *Conservation Biology* 12(4), 1997, pp. 1113-1119.

Hilty, J. A. and Merenlender, A. M. Use of Riparian Corridors and Vineyards by Mammalian Predators in Northern California. *Conservation Biology* 18(1) 126-135; 2004 February.

⁴ Regarding the ecological relationship between separated wetlands, see for example:

C. Scott Findley and Jeff Houlahan, "Anthropogenic Correlates of Species Richness in Southeastern Ontario Wetlands," *Conservation Biology* 11(4), 1997, pp. 1000-1009;

Lisa A. Joyal, Mark McCollough, and Malcom L. Hunter, Jr., "Landscape Ecology Approaches to Wetland Species Conservation: A Case Study of Two Turtle Species in Southern Maine," *Conservation Biology* 15(6), 2001, pp. 1755-1762;

Raymond D. Semlitsch and J. Russell Bodie, "Are Small, Isolated Wetlands Expendable?" *Conservation Biology* 12(5), 1998, pp. 1129-1133;

National Research Council, *op. cit.*, 2001, p. 42;

Nature Conservancy, *op. cit.*, July 2000, p. 10.

⁵ Recent reports comprehensively review observed effects of global change on plant and animal range shifts, advancement of spring events, and other responses. See:

Terry L. Root, Jeff T. Price, Kimberly R. Hall, Stephen H. Schneider, Cynthia Rosenzweig, and Alan Pounds, "Fingerprints of Global warming on Wild Animals and Plants," *Science* 421:2, January 2003, pp. 57-60.

Camille Parmesan and Gary Yohe, "A Globally Coherent Fingerprint of Climate Change Impacts cross Natural Systems," *Science* 421:2, January 2003, pp. 37-42.

Thomas, et al. "Extinction risk from climate change", *Nature* 427, January 2004, pp. 145-148.



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Re: Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR – Creekview Specific Plan

Dear Ms. Pease:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the scope and content of the proposed environmental documentation for the Creekview proposal. The City of Lincoln would be interested in having following addressed in the environmental document.

Traffic Circulation.

The City of Lincoln in March of 2008 adopted its current General Plan which proposes to expand the boundaries of its sphere of influence and the areas planned for urban development. In addition there are several other projects that are being proposed in the unincorporated portions of the County for development, Placer Vineyards, the Regional University, and development of the Curry Creek area. The City would suggest that the traffic modeling for the Creekview Specific Plan project include a cumulative analysis that incorporates the City of Lincoln's land use information from its General Plan update and all of the proposed projects within the unincorporated portion of the County. The City would request that the cumulative traffic analysis evaluate the potential need to extent Westbrook Blvd.to Dowd Road and upgrade Dowd Road as a potential transportation improvement to handle north south traffic movements within the region and as a link to Watt Avenue.

I hope these comments will assist you in the preparation of the environmental impact report. Should you require additional information regarding these comments or have questions concerning them, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Notice of Preparation for the Creekview Specific Plan - SCH# 2008032017

Dear Ms. Pease:

The Department of Conservation's (Department) Division of Land Resource Protection (Division) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation for the Creekview Specific Plan. The Division monitors farmland conversion on a statewide basis and administers the California Land Conservation (Williamson) Act and other agricultural land conservation programs. We offer the following comments and recommendations with respect to the proposed project's potential impacts on agricultural land and resources.

Project Description:

The Creekview Specific Plan (CSP) area is located in Placer County, immediately north and west of the City of Roseville's existing boundary, north of the planned extension of Blue Oaks Boulevard and north of the Roseville Energy Park. The CSP proposes 2,098 dwelling units on approximately 501 acres. The Specific Plan will address all aspects of future development within the CSP project site including a specific plan, design guidelines, General Plan Amendment, land use, circulation, resource management, infrastructure, public services, and implementation.

The site has historically been used for agriculture, including grazing, and is designated Agriculture/Timberland/80-acre minimum per the Placer County General Plan. The California Department of Conservation Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program classifies the site as Farmland of Local Importance and Other Land.

Division Comments:

The Division recommends that the Draft EIR address the following items to provide a comprehensive discussion of potential impacts of the project on agricultural land and activities:

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August 16, 2010
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easements will protect a portion of those remaining land resources and lessen project impacts in accordance with CEQA Guideline §15370. The Department highlights this measure because of its acceptance and use by lead agencies as an appropriate mitigation measure under CEQA and because it follows an established rationale similar to that of wildlife habitat mitigation.

Mitigation via agricultural conservation easements can be implemented by at least two alternative approaches: the outright purchase of easements or the donation of mitigation fees to a local, regional or statewide organization or agency whose purpose includes the acquisition and stewardship of agricultural conservation easements. The conversion of agricultural land should be deemed an impact of at least regional significance. Hence the search for replacement lands can be conducted regionally or statewide, and need not be limited strictly to lands within the project's surrounding area.

The Department also has available a listing of approximately 30 "conservation tools" that have been used to conserve or mitigate project impacts on agricultural land. This compilation report may be requested from the Division at the address or phone number below. General information about agricultural conservation easements, the Williamson Act, and provisions noted above is available on the Department's website:

<http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/index.htm>

Of course, the use of conservation easements is only one form of mitigation that should be considered. Any other feasible mitigation measures should also be considered.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation for the Creekview Specific Plan. Please provide this Department with the date of any hearings for this particular action, and any staff reports pertaining to it. If you have questions regarding our comments, or require technical assistance or information on agricultural land conservation, please contact Meri Meraz, Environmental Planner, at 801 K Street, MS 18-01, Sacramento, California 95814, or by phone at (916) 445-9411.

Sincerely,



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RE: SCH#2008032017 Creekview Specific Plan; Placer County.

Dear Ms. Pease:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katy Sanchez".

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Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed SCH# 2008032017 Creekview Specific Plan; Placer County.



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Subject: Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Creekview Specific Plan Project

Dear Ms. Pease:

Thank you for initiating formal consultations with the United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) of the Auburn Rancheria. The UAIC would like to consult under SB 18 on the proposed Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Creekview Specific Plan Project. The UAIC is comprised of Miwok and Nisenan (Southern Maidu) people whose tribal lands are within Placer County and ancestral territory spans into Eldorado, Nevada, Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, and Yuba counties. The UAIC is concerned about development within its aboriginal territory that has potential to impact the lifeways, cultural sites, and landscapes that may be of sacred or ceremonial significance. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this and other projects in your jurisdiction.

We would like to make a few general points for consideration in developing the scope and content of the Creekview Specific Plan Project Draft Environmental Impact Reports (DEIR):

- The UAIC recommends that projects within the Creekview Specific Plan Project EIR jurisdiction be designed to incorporate known cultural sites into open space or other protected areas;
- The UAIC is interested in holding conservation easements for culturally significant prehistoric sites;
- The UAIC would like the opportunity to provide Tribal representatives to monitor projects if excavation and data recovery are required for prehistoric

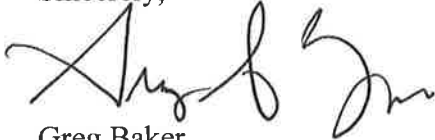
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cultural sites, or in cases where ground disturbance is proposed at or near sensitive cultural resources;

- The UAIC is interested in receiving cultural materials from prehistoric sites where excavation and data recovery has been performed;
- The UAIC would like to receive copies of environmental notices and documents for projects within the jurisdiction of the Creekview Specific Plan Project Draft EIR.

Thank you in advance for taking these matters into consideration, and for involving the UAIC in the planning process as early as possible. We look forward to meeting with you in the near future, and to reviewing the DEIR upon its completion. Please contact Marcos Guerrero, cultural resources specialist, at (530) 883-2364 or email at mguerrero@auburnrancheria.com, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Baker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "B".

Greg Baker
Tribal Administrator

CC: Marcos Guerrero, UAIC



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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON THE NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) OF A PROPOSED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR) FOR THE CREEKVIEW SPECIFIC PLAN

Dear Ms. Pease:

The Sacramento County Department of Transportation has received the Notice of Preparation for the above referenced DEIR. Our comments are simply that we would expect that if this project has any impacts on the transportation facilities in the County of Sacramento that mitigation measures be included in the DEIR that address these impacts. To that end we would request that any county roadways that would experience increased traffic volumes from the development because of be studied in the DEIR. In looking at the plan it appears that there appears to be the possibility for traffic shed to come from connections at Watt Avenue, Walerga Road, Antelope Road, etc.

If impacts are found, we would request that the City of Roseville enter into an agreement with the County of Sacramento to implement these mitigation measures. This same model is being has been discussed on the Sierra Vista Specific Plan. If you have any questions please call me at (916) 874-7052.

Sincerely,

Matthew G. Darrow
Senior Transportation Engineer

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SUBJECT: Creekview Specific Plan Notice of Preparation

Dear Ms. Pease:

Thank you for providing Placer County the opportunity to review the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Creekview Specific Plan. The County has reviewed the document and compiled the following comments for your consideration.

Hazards & Hazardous Materials

1. The parcels included in the Specific Plan area have been historically used for agriculture. Therefore, the past land uses of the parcels included in the Specific Plan should be adequately addressed in the project EIR.

Transportation & Circulation

1. The DEIR should discuss accommodating future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) facilities within the projects boundaries and how the proposed facilities are compatible with the ultimate regional facilities.
2. The DEIR should analyze the impacts and determine the fair-share costs of County road improvements within the Dry Creek, Sunset and Placer West Areas.
3. The DEIR should discuss this project's participation in regional fee programs such as Tier 2, the South Placer Regional Transportation Agency (SPRTA), the Highway 65 JPA, and the Roseville County Fee.

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Utilities

1. Consistent with the County's policy to provide sewer infrastructure for the future extension of public sewer service to other properties within the applicable shed area, and in an effort to improve the quality of groundwater in the West Placer area, the Creekview Specific Plan should address the issue of extending sewer infrastructure to the boundaries of the Creekview Specific Plan area to allow for future connections to the County's Toad Hill Estates development located to the north of the Specific Plan area.

Once again, thank you for providing the County the opportunity to provide comments on the NOP of the project. The County appreciates the ongoing collaborative interactions with the City. Should you have any questions regarding the information in this letter, please do not hesitate to call me at (530) 745-3099.

Sincerely,



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Agency Director

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Subject: Creekview Specific Plan and Annexation SCII#200803201, NOP

Dear M. Pease,

The Placer County Air Pollution Control District (District) appreciates this opportunity to review and comment on the NOP for the Creekview Specific Plan. As you are aware, this project is located within the Sacramento Valley Air Basin (SVAB) portion of Placer County, which is classified as a severe non-attainment area for federal health based ambient air quality standards of ozone and particulate matter (PM10) standards. For the air quality impacts, the District requests that the following items be considered.

Construction

The project will result in short-term construction emissions from diesel-powered construction equipment, trucks hauling building supplies, grading, construction, and construction employee trips. Based on a preliminary analysis, short-term construction emissions will exceed the District's significant thresholds; therefore, mitigation measures must be implemented.

Operational

The project will also result in operational emissions from the development of the project including 2,098 residential units, a school community with an elementary school and daycare, mixed use consisting of light industrial/commercial uses, of which a small portion would include retail and dining opportunities, as well as gas stations. These functions have the potential to create long-term operational emissions that would exceed the District's thresholds. Further, build-out of the project will contribute significantly to the cumulative air quality impacts occurring within the City of Roseville and Placer County. Mitigation measures shall be implemented.

The District has identified feasible mitigation measures (listed in attachment document) that should be implemented by the project to ensure that the project's short-term construction emissions, long-term operational emissions, and contribution to cumulative air quality impacts would be reduced to the extent feasible.

Table 3: LIST OF ENTITLEMENTS AND RESPONSIBLE AGENCY

The District should be listed as a Responsible Agency under this table. The District also requests where an Authority to Construct Permit will be required for stationary sources, a project level analysis shall be prepared. For those uses where a project level analysis is not proposed, DEIR shall clearly indicate where additional environmental review will be necessary.

NOTE: Potential land-uses which may require a permit from the District include power plants, gas stations (retail and non-retail), wastewater treatment plants, dry cleaners, auto body shops, printers, rock crushers, screening operations, portable equipment, electrical generators, and large and medium size boilers.

If you have any questions or comments, I can be reached at 530-745-2333.

Regards,

Angel Rinker

Angel Rinker
Associate Planner, Monitoring and Planning

Attachment: Master Mitigation List

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Dear Ms. Pease,

Subject: Comments on Notice of Preparation of a Draft
Environmental Impact Report for the Creekview Specific Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NOP for the Creekview Specific Plan. These comments update and revise my previous comments submitted on the Creekview NOP in 2008.

My major concern is that new growth should fully fund their required infrastructure and services needed for their new development and the related impacts to existing infrastructure and services. Please identify under all topics/elements whether the new development's required portions are fully funded, the source of the funding mechanisms, and any deficiencies and the amount or portions that will be needed. In the past, some impacts have been mitigated with "Regional/ or Joint Traffic Impact Fee Agreements". However, some of these "Agreements" have yet to be agreed to and implemented. What good is it, if the mitigation doesn't have an "Enforceable Mitigation Agreement"? Is there an Implementation Plan?

Please address how many projects are moving forward without paying into an "Impact Fee Agreements"? If Roseville projects create impacts and will need to pay into a Fee Agreement to cover their impacts, why isn't it feasible to start collecting something toward those portions of impacts?

Due to the economic downturn, in 2009 and again recently in 2010, the City Council approved a Staff request to extend deferring or waiving certain impact fees for another year. Please clarify what services or projects have been impacted and which fees have been waived or deferred. Please identify what costs and how much so far have been waived and/or deferred.

POLICE SUB-STATION

With all the growth in the area, please contact the police department about a need for a police sub-station in the West Area of Roseville to ensure response times are the best they can be. Can a Fee Program be developed for all the pending/proposed and potential projects in the area to fund the staff, land and facilities needed to serve this area? Can or should the County

Sheriff Department be contacted for any interest in a shared/joint-use facility?

POST OFFICE

Currently the Post Office only has 2 Roseville locations; both are busy and crowded. With the amount of growth, including several universities being planned in this area, are there any plans for an additional Post Office location? I have heard the Main Post Office on Vernon is moving to Washington Blvd area. A P.O. Clerk told me a couple of clerks will continue to stay in a small office on Vernon Street and the Washington location will be constructed under potentially affordable housing units. Please verify and clarify this information. In addition to a need for another Post Office location, adequate size of facilities and staff is a concern for services. I recognized a City or County does not have control over these types of Federal decisions, but isn't it appropriate for the City to notify the Post Office of the projected growth in the area and the need for services and request information on their plans. Could mitigation include a fee program to purchase land as a public facility to house an additional Post Office Location?

ELECTRICAL SERVICE

The CSP is within PG&E service area, but proposed for annexation with Roseville Electric providing electric service. But, It is stated, electricity would be provided in part from the Energy Park. Please clarify.

All new infrastructure, including any substation or other proposed facilities, should be funded by new development. Please address the history and current status of Energy Park. Please address the funding and current costs (including any costs/return benefits). What are the current costs to existing residents? Isn't new development a major factor in the need for the Energy Park? Does new development have a fee program to support the Energy Park?

RAIL AND LIGHT RAIL

Why aren't additional Rail and/or Light Rail being considered and planned for in the future in our area? Sacramento is planning a route to the International Airport; it seems this would be the time to start planning for rail/light rail to connect to Sacramento and the International Airport. With all the growth and Universities planned for this area, this seems like the right time to start planning for rail/light rail and collect funds for land and those improvements sometime in what I realized would be a distant future.

Please address the long-term possibility of connecting to High Speed Rail. Consider long term how Rail/light Rail might connect with High Speed Rail.

Please address Bus Rapid Transit and its routes (potential routes) and availability in this area. Please note, for me, Bus Rapid Transit is a separate service need from the need for Rail/Light Rail. Using Bus Rapid Transit should not eliminate the need to plan for Rail/Light Rail.

STATE HIGHWAYS & ROADWAYS

Although Hwy 80 in Roseville area is being widened, as I recall, the current impact fees for Hwy 65 only cover improvements to some Interchanges. I don't remember if widening Hwy 65 is part of the current impact fees. Please clarify this. Also, I believe, Improvements for merging from Hwy 65 to 80 and from Hwy 80 to 65 are included in the impact fees. Please clarify.

The State is currently having serious financial troubles and in addition to those current troubles, a 2008 Press Tribune article stated the Lincoln By-Pass used all Placer's share of State Funding for the next 15 years. Please clarify and expand on the impacts this will have on all pending and/or proposed projects in our area/region that require State Funding. Identify how Creekview will impact those projects.

A State Highway Impact Fee needs to be developed and implemented. Although a lot of effort and justification would be required for a nexus study, I believe it is possible and should be pursued. One example where a local jurisdiction implemented a State Highway Impact Fee is El Dorado County. Comments were provided along with a copy of the El Dorado County Fee Resolution in the West Roseville Specific Plan. Other than existing Impact Fees for the Interchanges, etc., what is being done to development additional Impact Fees to supplement and protect against loss of State and/or Federal Funding?

The need for widening and/or new highways is driven by new development and should be paid for by new development. An adequate nexus study could address the existing residents vs the new residents issue.

Shouldn't major projects that impact the state highways or other jurisdictions be limited until the source of funding and the mechanisms are in place to accommodate reasonable regional growth?

POTABLE SURFACE WATER DEMAND

Please identify the amount of Surface Water needed to serve the CSP. Please clarify the total Surface Water Demand and Availability. Also, the 'Capacity' to treat and deliver the Supply/Availability of Surface Water to meet these Demands and any storage needs.

Could a map be provided to identify the location of the Potable Water Storage Tanks and the potential Recycled Water Storage Tank in relationship to the PGWWTP.

Information became confusing in the Sierra Vista SP EIR because the total supply added surface water with recycled water. These are 2 separate Supply and Demand numbers with different infrastructures and treatment capacities.

If I have the numbers correctly, the SVSP surface potable water demand (3,612 AFY) was added to the current build-out demand (58,582 AFY) for a total of (62,194 AFY).

General Plan:	58,582	AFY
<u>Sierra Vista:</u>	<u>3,612</u>	<u>AFY</u>

City Plus SVSP needs: 62,194 AFY
(WFA limit is 58,900 AFY)

However as I understand it, the total amount will exceed the limit required under the Water Forum Agreement/WFA of 58,900 AFY. Although, Potable Surface Water Contract entitlements total 66,000 AFY, the City's diversions from the American River are limited by the Water Forum Agreement. The limit is 58,900 AFY for the Normal/Wet years and only 39,800 AFY for the Driest (Critically Dry) years.

Note: Also, why is General Plan build-out not limited to the critical dry amount of 39,800 AFY?

The numbers become confusing and jumbled when Recycled Water is addressed by adding Recycled and Surface Water to show total available water.

GROUND WATER

With the potential of any use of Ground Water as a potable source, why isn't a treatment facility being considered? This could be a potential Health and Safety issue, so why not plan for a treatment facility that would protect the reliability of this resource? Is the ground water well and site being funding by new development.

WASTEWATER

Is the sewer lift station and other necessary infrastructure being funded by new development?

RECYCLED WATER DEMAND

Recycled Water and Potable Surface Water should not be added together to show total water availability. This is mixing Apples and Oranges and becomes confusing for the public.

Potable Surface Water and Recycled Water require 2 separate treatment systems and infrastructure and 2 separated Supply and Demand Factors to address the Supply and Demand of each. Please identify separately, the Recycled Water Demand for CSP, the total General Plan Demand, the Availability of Supply, and the Capacity to Treat and Store the Recycled Water.

ALTERNATIVE 2

I would like to see this Alternative considered as the Proposed Project. Please analyze as a Project Description. Please clearly identify the decrease in impacts for each of the elements.

CONCLUSION

Although this is an economically difficult time and there seems to be a concern in the area too many development fees will drive out new development, I feel we are in a highly desirable prime area. The proximity to the Capital and the International Airport is making Roseville an outstanding choice for development opportunities. Any options to stimulate the economy should not degrade our quality of life and level of service.

Thanks you for time and consideration in reviewing my concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) related to the Creekview Specific Plan (SCH# 2008032017). The project proposes to construct 2,098 dwelling units on 501 acres of undeveloped land near Roseville California, Placer County.

The site is dominated by annual grassland and is within 5 miles of an active Swainson's hawk (*Buteo swainsonii*) nest based on the DFG studies conducted in 2001, 2002, and 2009. The annual grassland provides foraging habitat for this State listed threatened species. Additionally, the project site supports native oak trees along portions of Pleasant Grove Creek as the creek passes through the project site. The existing trees may provide nesting habitat for the Swainson's hawk.

The DFG is providing comments in response to the NOP under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as both a responsible and trustee agency. As trustee for the State's fish and wildlife resources, the DFG has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of such species. In this capacity, the DFG administers the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) and other provisions of the California Fish and Game Code that affords protection to the State's fish and wildlife trust resources.

Based on existing DFG Guidelines and the location of known Swainson's hawk nests within the area, the DFG recommends that mitigation measures be identified in the DEIR that require acquisition (fee title, easement or credits in an approved mitigation bank) of suitable foraging habitat within ten miles of the project site at a ratio of .75:1 for suitable foraging habitats impacted as a result of project implementation. Failure to identify mitigation impact prior to project approval would result in a significant, avoidable, and unmitigated project impact to a State listed species.

The project applicant is advised that "Notification" to the DFG is required, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 1600 et. sec., for proposed projects that may:

- Divert, obstruct, or change the natural flow or the bed, channel or bank of any river, stream, or lake;
- Use material from a streambed; or

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- Result in the disposal or deposition of debris, waste, or other material where it may pass into any river, stream, or lake.

The notification requirement applies to any work undertaken in or near a river, stream, or lake that flows at least intermittently through a bed or channel. This includes ephemeral streams and water courses.

Subsequent to notification, if the DFG determines that your proposed project or activity could have substantial adverse effects on fish or wildlife, a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) will be required. The resource protection conditions which are made a part of the LSAA are subject to CEQA review and should be included in the environmental document prepared for your project. These conditions may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Protection and maintenance of the riparian, wetland, stream or lake systems to ensure a "no-net-loss" of habitat value and acreage. Vegetation removal should not exceed the minimum necessary to complete operations.
2. Provisions for the protection of fish and wildlife resources at risk that consider various life stages, maintain migration and dispersal corridors, and protect essential breeding (i.e., spawning, nesting) habitats.
3. Delineation of buffers along streams and wetlands to provide adequate protection to the aquatic resource. No grading or construction activities should be allowed within these buffers.
4. Placement of construction materials, spoils or fill, so that they cannot be washed into a stream or lake.
5. Prevention of downstream sedimentation and pollution. Provisions may include but not be limited to oil/grit separators, detention ponds, buffering filter strips, silt barriers, etc., to prevent downstream sedimentation and pollution.
6. Restoration plans must include performance standards such as the types of vegetation to be used, the timing of implementation, and contingency plans if the replanting is not successful. Restoration of disturbed areas should utilize native vegetation.

Early notification to the DFG is recommended in order to determine the need for a LSAA. Specific conditions in the LSAA may include site-specific conditions for construction activities and timing. Any work subject to the LSAA may not be initiated until certification of the CEQA document and payment of the appropriate fees. Obtaining a LSAA does not satisfy the requirements of either the State or Federal Endangered Species Act. Please contact the North Central Region for a notification packet and fee schedule for a LSAA.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Creekview Specific Plan NOP. If you have any questions, please call Mr. James Navicky, Staff Environmental Scientist, at 916-358-2926.

Sincerely,



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