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Fort Bragg Transfer Station MND
SCH# 2022090248

Ms. Marie Jones, Contract Planner
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City of Fort Bragg
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Fort Bragg, California 95437

Dear Ms. Jones:

Thank you for giving Caltrans the opportunity to comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Fort Bragg Transfer Station. The Transfer Center proposes to establish a direct (truck-to-truck) transfer operation and has removed the initially proposed beverage container recycling center (buy-back center) and recycling self-haul area from the project description. The project is situated on a 6.9-acre parcel, located north of the Pudding Creek Bridge on State Route 1 (SR 1) at 1280 North Main Street/ SR 1. We have the following comments:

Access, Circulation, and Parking

The statement that the parcel is served by an existing 13-foot-wide commercial driveway entrance perpendicular to the state highway is not technically accurate and we recommend that the description be revised for clarity. The driveway apron includes tapers, curve radii, and a throat to allow for a smooth transition from the street to the private drive. The width of the existing apron, where the tapers transition to the curve radii, is approximately 70-foot wide depending on where measurements are taken. The driveway throat is the point where the apron terminates or transitions to the private drive.

As mentioned previously, the applicant will need to make changes to the road approach, or driveway, where it connects to State Route 1. The road approach will need to intersect SR 1 at a perpendicular angle. The driveway width will need to conform to standard driveway widths for commercial driveways. See Appendix J of the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Manual for further guidance on "Typical Rural Driveways": <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/traffic-operations/documents/f0017800-appendix-j-web-a11y.pdf>.

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We have no comment on the width of the private drive beyond the driveway throat.

As mentioned previously, any work within Caltrans right of way will require an encroachment permit from Caltrans. To streamline the permit approval process, we require the applicant to schedule and participate in a pre-submittal meeting with the Caltrans encroachment permits staff in Ukiah, prior to submitting a permit application. For more information or to request an encroachment permit, please contact the Ukiah permits office at 707-463-4743, and refer to the guidance found in the following website: <<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>>.

Please contact me with questions or for further assistance at: (707) 684-6879 or by email at: <jesse.robertson@dot.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,

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