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FB Transfer Station Drainage
APN: 069-231-21

Ms. Marie Jones, Contract Planner
c/o Community Development Department
City of Fort Bragg
416 N. Franklin Street
Fort Bragg, California 95437

Dear Ms. Jones:

Thank you for giving Caltrans the opportunity to review the Significantly Reduced Project Submittal for the 1280 N. Main Street Transfer Station Proposal. The project description has been revised as follows:

- The site will no longer host a recycling buy back center or maintenance building;
- will only include the Direct Transfer Facility, four truck parking spaces and two employee parking spaces, and associated stormwater management features, site fencing and signage
- The access road will be retained at its current 13-foot width.
- The redesign eliminates the development or addition of new impervious surfaces, and the stormwater design has been modified to infiltrate a 100-year storm on site. I will have the stormwater calcs to you shortly.
- The project no longer includes a drainage feature on the front of the parcel.

We offer the following comments:

We have not yet received the stormwater calcs mentioned in the transmittal email with the revised project description. However, based on the reduction in project scope, including the removal of the recycling center and overflow pond at the front of the property, we anticipate that the down-scoped drainage plan will address Caltrans' drainage concerns.

The trip generation rate was given for a solid waste transfer facility, which was not a land use found in the 10th edition of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual. Assuming that we can support the trip generation rates

provided, we could make a finding that the reduced number of trips generated with the waste transfer use but without the recycling center or the beverage container buy-back uses would be expected to result in a less than significant traffic safety impact. No passing shoulders or turn channelization would be requested as mitigation for traffic safety. The CEQA compliance document should discuss the source of the trip generation figures.

The existing driveway will need to be upgraded to meet Caltrans current minimum standards. The minimum throat width for this type of access is 20 feet. An engineered plan will be required as well as a copy of a Coastal Development Permit/Waiver/Exemption/Documentation from the California Coastal Commission regarding the applicant's project for review. Appendix J of the Caltrans Encroachment Permits Manual will aid the applicant in submitting a compliant design for the access point and can be viewed online here: <<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/traffic-operations/documents/encroachment-permits/appendix-j-ada.pdf>>.

Any work within Caltrans right of way will require an encroachment permit from Caltrans. Permits to construct, upgrade, own, and operate road approaches to the state highway system are issued to the individual or legal entity with ownership rights of that road approach. Proof of ownership/easement must be submitted with the application for a permit. If no ownership/easement rights have been or will be conveyed, then the applicant may, with the property owner's written permission, apply for a permit on behalf of the owner as an authorized agent of the property owner.

Prior to permit issuance a performance bond in the amount of \$20,000 will be required. The deposit required for this permit application will be 10 hours based on the linked fee schedule: <<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/traffic-operations/documents/encroachment-permits/hourly-rate-flyer-a11y.pdf>>.

To streamline the process, Caltrans requires the applicant arrange 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 following website: <<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>>.

We request that the City make Caltrans' requirements (the above listed items) a condition of City approval and that the County/City does not approve the final permit until the Caltrans Permit requirements have been satisfied.

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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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