



El Dorado County Resource Conservation District

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Re: A 08-0015, Z 08-0039, PD 08-0025, TM 08-1485 Tilden Park (Carlton Engineering)

Dear Patricia:

The Resource Conservation District (District) has reviewed the Initial Consultation information for the proposed project. The District has developed a set of maps to aid in your environmental review and has the following comments:

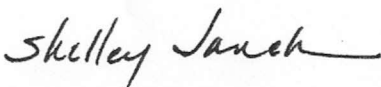
1. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) (Soil Survey of El Dorado Area, California, 1974) has mapped soils on the site as follows:
 - a. **AnB**: Argonaut clay loam, 3-9% slopes. Included in mapping are small areas of Rescue sandy loam and Rescue clay, clayey variant.
 - b. **RfC**: Rescue very stony sandy loam, 3-15% slopes. Included in mapping are small areas of Argonaut clay loam. Surface runoff is slow to medium and erosion hazard is slight to moderate.
 - c. **Rk**: Rescue clay, clayey variant. Included in mapping are small areas of Rescue sandy loam, Auburn gravelly silt loam, Delpiedra very rocky loam, and Loamy alluvial land. Surface runoff is slow, and the erosion hazard is none to slight. Permeability is slow.
2. The RCD is concerned with the **downstream impacts due to the increase of drainage water to existing drainages**. The drainage plan needs to address practices concerning the discharge of water leaving the development and how these practices will mitigate potential flooding.
3. **A review of the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) identified the potential presence of a federally threatened or endangered species and/or its habitat in the project vicinity**. A biological survey may be required to address the potential presence of threatened or endangered species prior to development. (No biological reports were provided to the District at this time.)
4. **The parcel is located in Rare Plant Mitigation Area 2 and requires either payment of a mitigation fee or participation in the Rare Plant Off-Site Mitigation Program** (El Dorado County Resolution No. 205-98).
5. The project could conflict with the County General Plan Policy 7.4.4.4 for **protection of oak woodland resources**. The District recommends evaluation of the site for oak/heritage tree canopy retention and replacement standards by a Registered Forester prior to development.

6. The County General Plan Policy 7.3.3.4 requires a **minimum setback of 100 feet from all perennial streams and 50 feet from intermittent streams and wetlands.**
7. **Rk** soils are classified by the Agriculture Department as **Unique and/or Soils of Local Importance.** The RCD is concerned with the loss of the agricultural potential of these productive soils and recommends that the County consider these impacts during the project evaluation.
8. Due to **insufficient information concerning the proposed grading and drainage activities,** the attached comments do **not address the adequacy of drainage and erosion control activities.** The District will provide additional review and comment when a grading plan is submitted.
9. The District further recommends:
 - o Minimization of damage to soil, watersheds, vegetation, or other resources.
 - o Minimization of soil erosion and compaction of soils resulting in loss of soil productivity and sedimentation to waterways,
 - o Minimization of the spread of invasive, non-native, and noxious weeds along travel routes, and
 - o Minimization of adverse impacts to air quality (e.g. dust and exhaust).

The District's review did not identify any Important Biological Corridors, Agricultural Preserves or Districts, or Important Mineral Resources within the project area. The RCD Board may have additional comments and when development plans are received.

The District appreciates the opportunity to comment on the project. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

For: Carlan Meyer, President
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