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RE: Tri-County Technical Advisory Committee Agenda - August 7, 2015

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All,

The Kirkwood Meadows Drive Improvement Project scheduled for presentation at the 8/7/15 TAC presents potential safety concerns for Caltrans. The proposal to provide parking for more than 600 vehicles on Kirkwood Meadows Drive (KMD) is expected to exacerbate congestion under peak conditions and result in increased impacts to the SR 88/KMD intersection and increased queuing on the SR 88 mainline.

Mitigation Measure 4.7 (b) from the Kirkwood Specific Plan EIR requires submittal of an updated Traffic Study to TC-TAC every three years to re-evaluate the need for required improvements to the SR 88/KMD intersection resulting from development at Kirkwood. The last report we have in our files was prepared in 2007. That report recommended widening of KMD to accommodate a three lane approach to SR 88 with a 500-foot-long left turn lane and construction of a westbound acceleration lane on SR 88, but the lead agencies have not required those improvements to be constructed. We understand that Kirkwood Mountain Resort works with CHP to actively manage traffic under peak conditions, but backups to Carson Spur on EB SR 88 still result.

We expressed concerns about the loss of parking due to the Timbercreek Townhomes project prior to the 2/10/14 TC-TAC. Specific Plan Mitigation Measure 4.7 (d) requires Kirkwood Mountain Resort to provide needed parking in surface lots or parking structures, implement methods to increase the efficiency of use of existing parking lots, or implement methods to manage demand. Under peak conditions, back-out on-street parking on KMD would negatively affect circulation and efficient access to existing parking lots, emergency response, and the main evacuation route for the residents and visitors of Kirkwood.

We understand that the presentation at this Friday's TAC is informational. If a plan to improve KMD moves forward, please enforce the transportation and parking mitigation measures of the Specific Plan and the USFS 2003 Mountain Master Development Plan. If no Traffic Study Update has been prepared since 2007, we encourage the TAC to request an update for the upcoming year. If there are more recent studies, please forward them to me for our review.

Thank you,

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Thank you,

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