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Re: Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Suggested Conditions for 101 Garden Street Hotel, PLN2019-00052

Dear Kathleen Kennedy:

The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District) has reviewed the referenced project, which consists of the construction of an approximately 284,313 square feet (SF) 250-room hotel, parking, and onsite amenities including a restaurant, bar, mini market, and rooftop deck. Parking will be available in an underground 234-space structure and an additional 33 spaces at grade. The hotel is expected to employ approximately 60 workers. Grading in the amount of 25,900 cubic yards (CY) of cut, 4,600 CY of fill, and export of 25,900 CY is required for site improvements. Five existing structures totaling 15,300 SF are to be demolished. The subject property, a 4.53-acre parcel zoned HRC-2/SP-2/S-D-3 and identified in the Assessor Parcel Map Book as APNs 017-630-008, -009, -018, -021, -024, and -027, is located at 101 Garden Street in the City of Santa Barbara.

The proposed project is subject to the following **regulatory requirements** that should be included as conditions of approval in the applicable land use permit:

1. All portable diesel-fired construction engines rated at 50 brake horsepower or greater must have either statewide Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP) certificates or District permits prior to grading/building permit issuance. Construction engines with PERP certificates are exempt from the District permit, provided they will be on-site for less than 12 months. *If a*
2. The application of architectural coatings, such as paints, primers, and sealers that are applied to buildings or stationary structures, shall comply with District Rule 323.1, *Architectural Coatings* that places limits on the VOC-content of coating products.
3. Asphalt paving activities shall comply with District Rule 329, *Cutback and Emulsified Asphalt Paving Materials*.
4. Construction/demolition activities are subject to District Rule 345, *Control of Fugitive Dust from Construction and Demolition Activities*. This rule establishes limits on the generation of visible fugitive dust emissions at demolition and construction sites, includes measures for minimizing fugitive dust from on-site activities, and from trucks moving on- and off-site. Please see

www.ourair.org/wp-content/uploads/rule345.pdf. Activities subject to Rule 345 are also subject to Rule 302 (*Visible Emissions*) and Rule 303 (*Nuisance*).

5. Natural gas-fired fan-type central furnaces with a rated heat input capacity of less than 175,000 British thermal units per hour (Btu/hr) and water heaters rated below 75,000 Btu/hr must comply with the emission limits and certification requirements of District Rule 352. Please see www.ourair.org/wp-content/uploads/rule352.pdf for more information.
6. Boilers, water heaters, and process heaters rated between 75,000 and 2.0 million British thermal units per hour (Btu/hr) must comply with the emission limits and certification requirements of District Rule 360. Note: Units fired on fuel(s) other than natural gas still need to be certified under Rule 360. Please see www.ourair.org/wp-content/uploads/rule360.pdf for more information.
7. Boilers, water heaters, and process heaters rated between 2 million to 5 million British thermal units per hour (Btu/hr) must comply with the emission limits and certification requirements of District Rule 361. Please see www.ourair.org/wp-content/uploads/Rule361.pdf for more information.
8. The applicant is required to complete and submit an **Asbestos Demolition/Renovation Notification or an EXEMPTION** from Notification for Renovation and Demolition (District Form ENF-28 or District Form ENF-28e), which can be downloaded at www.ourair.org/compliance-forms for each regulated structure to be demolished or renovated. Demolition notifications are required regardless of whether asbestos is present or not. The completed exemption or notification should be presented, mailed, or emailed to the District with a minimum of 10 working days advance notice prior to disturbing asbestos in a renovation or starting work on a demolition. The applicant should visit www.ourair.org/asbestos to determine whether the project triggers asbestos notification requirements or whether the project qualifies for an exemption.
9. If contaminated soils are found at the project site, the District must be contacted to determine if Authority to Construct and/or Permit to Operate permits will be required. District permits are required for all soil vapor extraction activities. District permits are also required for the excavation ("dig-and-haul") of more than 1,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil.

In addition, the District recommends that the following **best practices** be considered for inclusion as conditions of approval, in the interest of reducing emissions of criteria air pollutants, toxic air contaminants, greenhouse gases, dust and odors:

10. To reduce the potential for violations of District Rule 345 (*Control of Fugitive Dust from Construction and Demolition Activities*), Rule 302 (*Visible Emissions*), and Rule 303 (*Nuisance*), standard dust mitigations (**Attachment A**) are recommended for all construction and/or grading activities. The name and telephone number of an on-site contact person must be provided to the District prior to grading/building permit issuance.
11. The State of California considers particulate matter emitted by diesel engines carcinogenic. Therefore, during project grading, construction, and hauling, construction contracts must specify that contractors shall adhere to the requirements listed in **Attachment B** to reduce emissions of particulate matter (as well as of ozone precursors) from diesel equipment. Recommended

measures should be implemented to the maximum extent feasible. Prior to grading/building permit issuance and/or map recordation, all requirements shall be shown as conditions of approval on grading/building plans, and/or on a separate sheet to be recorded with the map. Conditions shall be adhered to throughout all grading and construction periods. The contractor shall retain the Certificate of Compliance for CARB's In-Use Regulation for Off-Road Diesel Vehicles onsite and have it available for inspection.

12. At a minimum, prior to occupancy, any feasible greenhouse gas reduction measures from the following sector-based list should be applied to the project:

- Energy use (energy efficiency, low carbon fuels, renewable energy)
- Water conservation (improved practices and equipment, landscaping)
- Waste reduction (material re-use/recycling, composting, waste diversion/minimization)
- Architectural features (green building practices, cool roofs)
- Transportation (reduce vehicle miles traveled through employee commute trip reduction programs, such as ride-sharing programs and alternative transportation options, such as public transit, local shuttles, park-and-ride lots, etc., pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly features such as sidewalks and bike racks)
- Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (EV charger installation, installation of pre-wiring for future EV chargers)
- For additional information on greenhouse gas mitigation and potential strategies, see www.ourair.org/ghgmitigation-sbc.

If you or the project applicant have any questions regarding these comments, please feel free to contact me at (805) 979-8334 or via email at WaddingtonE@sbcapcd.org.

Sincerely,



Emily Waddington,
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Attachments: Fugitive Dust Control Measures
Diesel Particulate and NO_x Emission Measures

cc: Planning Chron File



ATTACHMENT A
FUGITIVE DUST CONTROL MEASURES

These measures should be required for all projects involving earthmoving activities regardless of the project size or duration. Projects are expected to manage fugitive dust emissions such that emissions do not exceed APCD's visible emissions limit (APCD Rule 302), create a public nuisance (APCD Rule 303), and are in compliance with the APCD's requirements and standards for visible dust (APCD Rule 345).

- During construction, use water trucks, sprinkler systems, or dust suppressants in all areas of vehicle movement to prevent dust from leaving the site and from exceeding the APCD's limit of 20% opacity for greater than 3 minutes in any 60 minute period. When using water, this includes wetting down areas as needed but at least once in the late morning and after work is completed for the day. Increased watering frequency should be required when sustained wind speed exceeds 15 mph. Reclaimed water should be used whenever possible. However, reclaimed water should not be used in or around crops for human consumption.
- Onsite vehicle speeds shall be no greater than 15 miles per hour when traveling on unpaved surfaces.
- Install and operate a track-out prevention device where vehicles enter and exit unpaved roads onto paved streets. The track-out prevention device can include any device or combination of devices that are effective at preventing track out of dirt such as gravel pads, pipe-grid track-out control devices, rumble strips, or wheel-washing systems.
- If importation, exportation, and stockpiling of fill material is involved, soil stockpiled for more than one day shall be covered, kept moist, or treated with soil binders to prevent dust generation. Trucks transporting fill material to and from the site shall be tarped from the point of origin.
- Minimize the amount of disturbed area. After clearing, grading, earthmoving, or excavation is completed, treat the disturbed area by watering, OR using roll-compaction, OR revegetating, OR by spreading soil binders until the area is paved or otherwise developed so that dust generation will not occur. All roadways, driveways, sidewalks etc. to be paved should be completed as soon as possible.
- Schedule clearing, grading, earthmoving, and excavation activities during periods of low wind speed to the extent feasible. During periods of high winds (>25 mph) clearing, grading, earthmoving, and excavation operations shall be minimized to prevent fugitive dust created by onsite operations from becoming a nuisance or hazard.
- The contractor or builder shall designate a person or persons to monitor and document the dust control program requirements to ensure any fugitive dust emissions do not result in a nuisance and to enhance the implementation of the mitigation measures as necessary to prevent transport of dust offsite. Their duties shall include holiday and weekend periods when work may not be in progress. The name and telephone number of such persons shall be provided to the Air Pollution Control District prior to grading/building permit issuance and/or map clearance.

PLAN REQUIREMENTS: All requirements shall be shown on grading and building plans and/or as a separate information sheet listing the conditions of approval to be recorded with the map. **Timing:** Requirements shall be shown on plans prior to grading/building permit issuance and/or recorded with the map during map recordation. Conditions shall be adhered to throughout all grading and construction periods.

MONITORING: The Lead Agency shall ensure measures are on project plans and/or recorded with maps. The Lead Agency staff shall ensure compliance onsite. APCD inspectors will respond to nuisance complaints.



ATTACHMENT B DIESEL PARTICULATE AND NO_x EMISSION REDUCTION MEASURES

Particulate emissions from diesel exhaust are classified as carcinogenic by the state of California. The following is a list of regulatory requirements and control strategies that should be implemented to the maximum extent feasible.

The following measures are required by state law:

- All portable diesel-powered construction equipment greater than 50 brake horsepower (bhp) shall be registered with the state's portable equipment registration program OR shall obtain an APCD permit.
- Fleet owners of diesel-powered mobile construction equipment greater than 25 hp are subject to the California Air Resource Board (CARB) In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulation (Title 13, California Code of Regulations (CCR), §2449), the purpose of which is to reduce oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), diesel particulate matter (DPM), and other criteria pollutant emissions from in-use off-road diesel-fueled vehicles. Off-road heavy-duty trucks shall comply with the State Off-Road Regulation. For more information, see www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/ordiesel.htm.
- Fleet owners of diesel-fueled heavy-duty trucks and buses are subject to CARB's On-Road Heavy-Duty Diesel Vehicles (In-Use) Regulation (Title 13, CCR, §2025), the purpose of which is to reduce DPM, NO_x and other criteria pollutants from in-use (on-road) diesel-fueled vehicles. For more information, see www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onrdiesel/onrdiesel.htm.
- All commercial off-road and on-road diesel vehicles are subject, respectively, to Title 13, CCR, §2449(d)(3) and §2485, limiting engine idling time. Off-road vehicles subject to the State Off-Road Regulation are limited to idling no more than five minutes. Idling of heavy-duty diesel trucks during loading and unloading shall be limited to five minutes, unless the truck engine meets the optional low-NO_x idling emission standard, the truck is labeled with a clean-idle sticker, and it is not operating within 100 feet of a restricted area.

The following measures are recommended:

- Diesel equipment meeting the CARB Tier 3 or higher emission standards for off-road heavy-duty diesel engines should be used to the maximum extent feasible.
- On-road heavy-duty equipment with model year 2010 engines or newer should be used to the maximum extent feasible.
- Diesel powered equipment should be replaced by electric equipment whenever feasible. Electric auxiliary power units should be used to the maximum extent feasible.
- Equipment/vehicles using alternative fuels, such as compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), propane or biodiesel, should be used on-site where feasible.
- Catalytic converters shall be installed on gasoline-powered equipment, if feasible.
- All construction equipment shall be maintained in tune per the manufacturer's specifications.
- The engine size of construction equipment shall be the minimum practical size.
- The number of construction equipment operating simultaneously shall be minimized through efficient management practices to ensure that the smallest practical number is operating at any one time.
- Construction worker trips should be minimized by requiring carpooling and by providing for lunch onsite.
- Construction truck trips should be scheduled during non-peak hours to reduce peak hour emissions whenever feasible.
- Proposed truck routes should minimize to the extent feasible impacts to residential communities and sensitive receptors.
- Construction staging areas should be located away from sensitive receptors such that exhaust and other construction emissions do not enter the fresh air intakes to buildings, air conditioners, and windows.

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