Appendix H: Utilities and Service Systems

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May 15, 2006

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Mr. James:

Sheriff Anderson has requested that I respond to your May 10, 2006 Letter regarding the North Fork Village-1 Specific Plan in the County of Madera. The information that follows is enumerated to match the questions in your letter.

1. The Madera County Sheriff-Coroner Department assigns this area to the "Valley Division". It is designated as Beat 2, including most lands in Southeast Madera County. Service would initially be provided from the existing Madera Headquarters at 14143 Road 28, Madera, CA.
2. The Department generally fields one deputy into Beat 2 during each shift, however, there are periods when Beat 2 is merged with nearby beats and all of the merged area is served by a single deputy Sheriff. The response time can very greatly. Beat 2 is essentially a rural agricultural beat with some residential pockets. Residential areas generate more calls for service than ag land. Conversion from lower intensity uses to higher intensities will increase the calls for service. Response times are not specifically tracked by this Department. However, the proposed project is at the fringe of the beat and the MSO Service area. Calls for service from this location will require longer vehicle trips and will take more time to respond. Calls to the study area will cause delays in responding to other calls in the beat; the Deputy will no longer be centered in the Beat.
3. The Madera Sheriff-Coroner Department is uniquely different from other California Sheriff's agencies in that the Jail is administered by a dedicated, independent institution. MSO has a sworn force of 82 and there are currently 12 vacancies. The Total Department employment is 112 persons. Vacancies have created a shortage of manpower and increased response time to calls for service. The Department does not currently meet the 1.7-2.2 LEO's per thousand residents suggested by FBI manning standards for rural counties. The project has the potential to exacerbate the deficiency by adding significantly more residents to the fringe of our existing service area.

4. The Department participates in Mutual Aid Agreements with Law Enforcement agencies in the region as required by law. The Department has no specific mutual aid agreement for coordinated services in the proposed project area. The Project Study area is also served by the California Highway Patrol and the California Fish and Game Department.
5. The specific response to this question is difficult given the available information. We are unable to estimate the number of additional homes and the increase in beat area population. It is clear that the Department would seek additional staffing of 2-3 Law Enforcement Officers for each 2,700 potential residents. The costs would need to include the equipment necessary to field those deputies including vehicles, personal safety gear and training costs. In conjunction with other land development projects, the area of Southeast Madera County will need a full law enforcement safety services building, which this project, and other development projects, must contribute towards. The Department conceptually plans for a new service facility in the Southeast as this area develops into increasingly dense urban uses. Absent legal municipal incorporation, the Department will be the primary law enforcement provider for the next 15-20 years. It is anticipated that service levels will try to keep pace with FBI Standards of service that suggest 1.7 – 2.2 Law Enforcement officers should be fielded for each 1000 residents. New station facilities would likely not include detention cells although holding areas and questioning rooms would be needed. Public service counters are anticipated. The area service center would also include radio/telephone systems, emergency power, fueling bay, gated parking area, secure evidence holding room and shower/uniform changing stations for employees. The Department seeks to share facilities with other emergency service agencies were possible.
6. Impact fees are the purview of the Board of Supervisors.

Hopefully the above response is useful to your planning and assessment efforts. The above comments may require expansion should further information be provided.

Sincerely,

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CC: John P. Anderson, Sheriff
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May 19, 2006

Mr. Jerry James
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Dear Mr. James,

Following are our responses to the questions you posed in your letter of May 10th, 2006 regarding the North Fork Village project:

1. What station/office would serve the project?

Our station located at Ave 14 & Road 28 in the CDF Fire Station would respond to your proposed location.

2. What are the current staffing or supply levels? What are current response time or service ratios?

Our ambulances are all paramedic staffed and equipped. The approximate response time from our station to your project would be approximately 20-25 minutes depending on the time of day and traffic conditions. We currently staff four paramedic units seven days a week 24 hours per day and one paramedic unit 12 hours per day Monday thru Friday.

3. Do staffing/supply response time/service ratios meet industry/agency standards?

Our staffing meets all requirements set forth by the Madera County Emergency Medical Service Agency (EMS). Response times are also established by the EMS agency and we adhere to these guidelines.

4. Please explain any mutual assistance programs with other agencies.

We have a mutual aid agreement with American Ambulance in Fresno and are also dispatched by their EMS ambulance dispatch facility. They would also have an approximate 20-25 minute response time to your development. Anytime a Pistoresi ambulance is not available an American unit would be sent from Fresno.

5 Do you anticipate any adverse impacts as a result of providing services to the proposed project? If so, what mitigation measures would be recommended to reduce the potential impacts? Please include the threshold or triggering mechanisms used to determine the timing/phasing needed for additional facilities, staff and equipment. Please be as specific as possible.

The project would definitely adversely impact our ability to respond to calls in our service area. This is because of the distance to the project from our nearest station and the approximately two hours an ambulance would be out of service while completing a call and returning into its response zone.

The obvious mitigation would be to add an additional ambulance to the system that would be located closer to the project. The cost to staff an ambulance operating every day of the year is approximately $360,000.00. The problem is that the initial population in the project area would not generate enough income to support this ambulance.

Over time the population base should provide enough call volume to reach the cost of the ambulance. Unfortunately, there is no "formula" that can project when this will happen since ambulance income is greatly influenced by the patient mix and the type of payors of ambulance service. For example, in our local service area we have a large number of indigent and Medi Cal patients for whom we provide service. With this type of mix it takes a greater number of calls to produce the necessary income.

One suggestion would be some sort of "cost-sharing" arrangement with Pistoresi Ambulance to station an ambulance in the Ranchos Area for a number of years until the combined number of responses in both areas could support the ambulance without any type of subsidy. Such a location would also cut the response time to the project.

In regards to your question #6, I am not aware of any impact fee schedule that may exist for new commercial and residential development. Please feel free to call me if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Monte Pistoresi, Owner
Pistoresi Ambulance Service

Michael Brandman Associates

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES • PLANNING • NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

May 10, 2006

Pacific Gas & Electric
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Madera CA 93637

Subject: Environmental Impact Report Questionnaire

Dear Pacific Gas & Electric,

Michael Brandman Associates has been retained by the County of Madera to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed North Fork Village-1 Specific Plan, located in southern Madera County approximately one mile northwest of the town of Friant, CA. The proposed project is a 2,238-acre specific plan consisting of 1,459 acres of rural to high density residential, 160 acres of mixed-use non-residential, 538 acres of open space and 81 acres of public use area.

As part of the environmental review process, we are consulting with various public service and utility providers about potential impacts from the proposed project. Enclosed is a questionnaire that contains several questions concerning potential impacts to the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. It would be appreciated if you or one of your staff members could complete and return the questionnaire to us on Pacific Gas & Electric letterhead by Friday, May 19, 2006. A needs assessment report or municipal services review, if available, would also be helpful.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this questionnaire, please call me at (559) 739-0400.

Sincerely,

Jerry James, Regional Manager
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Please note that some questions may not be applicable.

1. What station/office would serve the project? Fresno / Woodward Sub
2. What are the current staffing or supply levels? What are current response time or service ratios? Good
3. Do staffing/supply and response time/service ratios meet industry/agency standards? Yes
4. Please explain any mutual assistance programs in with other agencies (as may be applicable). N/A
5. Do you anticipate any adverse impacts as a result of providing services to the proposed project? If so, what mitigation measures would be recommended to reduce the potential impacts? Please include the threshold or triggering mechanisms used to determine the timing/phasing needed for additional facilities, staff, and equipment. Please be as specific as possible. Addition capacity to Sub / Feeders
6. What, if any, is the impact fee schedule for new commercial and residential development? Normal prices

Please feel free to provide any additional information you believe to be relevant to the proposed project. Thank you for taking the time to respond to this questionnaire.

Please return the completed questionnaire on letterhead by May 19 to:

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Monday, May 15, 2006

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Dear Mr. James,

In response to your letter and questionnaire dated May 10, 2006:

1. The referenced proposed development, North Fork Village-1, lies wholly within Ponderosa Telephone's Friant exchange and will be served from the Friant Central Office. Multiple equipment sites may be required within the subdivision.
2. Ponderosa Telephone is adequately staffed to meet the service requirements of this proposed development. Ponderosa meets or exceeds all CPUP mandated service indices. Exceeding customer expectations is our first priority. Ponderosa Telephone provides a wide range of telecommunications services.
3. Response time and service indices meet or exceed all mandated requirements.
4. Not applicable.
5. Ponderosa Telephone does not anticipate any adverse impacts due to this proposed development.
6. Fees for new residential and commercial subdivision development are regulated under tariffs filed with the California Public Utilities Commission. Ponderosa would be pleased to meet with the developer or project engineer to discuss available options. The steps to a successful subdivision development include meeting with the appropriate developer representatives to review the tentative subdivision map, which will trigger our engineering activity in provisioning telecommunications facilities in the subdivision; we will then need to finalize those plans during a review of the final subdivision maps and lock in a construction schedule.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself, Todd Westfall (559-868-6307) or Jake Ashworth (559-868-6305) for more information.

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