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TO: Linda St. Claire

RE: di Rosa -Response to Comments of Public Works Associate Engineer Paul Wilkinson:

1. The permit asks that larger school buses be allowed to access the site to bring in school groups for tours. The larger vehicles will require the entire loop road width to negotiate the parking lot as well as the entire width of the parking aisle. The use of the larger school buses during a larger event will not allow for parking along the loop road.

Neither cars nor buses will be parked to block the access road, which must be kept open for emergency vehicles and internal site access. When vehicles are parked along the road they are fully off of the roadway maintaining the entire access width of 12'.

Large buses will not be parked within the Gatehouse parking lot or on the access road to the main gallery. The bus will enter the property and proceed to the rear of the Gatehouse Gallery where students and visitors will be unloaded. The empty bus will proceed to the Courtyard parking and turnaround area in front of the di Rosa Home Gallery where it will be parked until passengers are ready to load. The bus driver will remain with the bus.

After passengers have unloaded and toured the Gatehouse Gallery they will board the di Rosa jitney (3/4 ton pickup truck pulling 23 foot trailer) and be taken to the Main Gallery. Passengers will proceed on foot through the Main Gallery, the di Rosa Home Gallery and the sculpture meadow. They will then board the bus they arrived in to exit the property.

2. If larger buses are used, when will they be accessing the site and where will the buses park?

Large buses would primarily be used during the normal school tour days of Wednesday and Thursday (students are currently brought to the site by parent arranged carpools). Staff meets and greets the group and directs the bus to park appropriately as described above.

3. Winter parking in the vineyard rows would seem to be problematic. Are all of the larger events planned for drier periods?

Large events are scheduled during April-October when the weather is drier and the events can be held outside.

4. Due to the unpredictability of the open public visitation, will there be staff available to help direct or park cars in alternative parking locations? (Two school

buses show up with 80 students and 20 parent chaperones drive up in their own vehicles during a moderately busy day with 20 vehicles already in the lot) (the school buses will likely take up 5-6 parking stalls each if parked in the large lot)

All school tours are setup by reservation and it is unlikely that two buses will be on site at one time. Buses are directed to the Courtyard for parking as described above, therefore there is no conflict with passenger vehicle parking in the Gatehouse Gallery parking lot.

5. Closing the gate, or putting up a sign telling vacationers (that have come long distances) to come back some other time because the parking lot is full will only result people parking in unacceptable areas from a traffic circulation and emergency vehicle access standpoint. I understand that there is adequate parking at the site, but need an understanding about how the Preserve staff will monitor the parking situation and what the contingency plans will be.

Security cameras are used to monitor the parking lot throughout the open hours for visitation. Facility staff stays within communication of program staff throughout the day to support any issues. If they need to direct parking to other areas, they have the staff to support that and signage to quickly erect to help direct visitors to other areas for parking. If there is no parking available, staff is able to redirect visitors without the need to close the gate during the open hours of visitation.

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