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Road Exception Request



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EXCEPTION REQUEST LETTER

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Subject: Driveway Exception Request Letter for The Caldwell Vineyard Winery Driveway located at 270 Kreuzer Lane, Napa, CA

Remarks: Thank you for taking the time to review the submitted driveway plans. With this letter we are officially requesting an exception to the Napa County Road and Street Standards. The specific exceptions and the associated reasons are listed below.

1. An exception to the 22' driveway width requirement for the areas shown on the included plan and listed as follows: STA 21+55 to STA 26+95 and STA 30+55 to STA 37+35. Pullouts and wide spots are provided at the beginning, middle and end of these narrow sections. The site lines between these pullouts and wide spots are excellent and the use of these areas provide the same overall practical level of safety as the full 22' width would.

We ask that the above exceptions be granted based on the same reasoning they were originally granted when the driveway was originally approved. The reasoning then (and currently) being that the driveway is environmentally constrained in the first section due to the mature olive trees on the right hand side and the rock wall on the left hand side which prevent the full 22' width from being achieved. In the second section, the driveway is environmentally constrained by the steep terrain that it traverses. Meeting the full 22' width would require blasting and very large cut slopes that would potentially lead to slope instability and excessive erosion issues. The included driveway improvement plan shows these constraints in more detail. Thank you again for taking the time to review this request. Please let me know if you have any further questions or comments.

Regards,


Cameron Pridmore PE, PLS

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