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**NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

The project listed below was reviewed for environmental impact by the Placer County Environmental Review Committee and was determined to have no significant effect upon the environment. A proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for this project and has been filed with the County Clerk's office.

**PROJECT:** Mountain Air Sports Rafting Permit (PRFT 20140022)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project proposes a renewal of their existing Conditional Use Permit in order to continue operation of the commercial river raft rentals along the Truckee River for a term of three years.

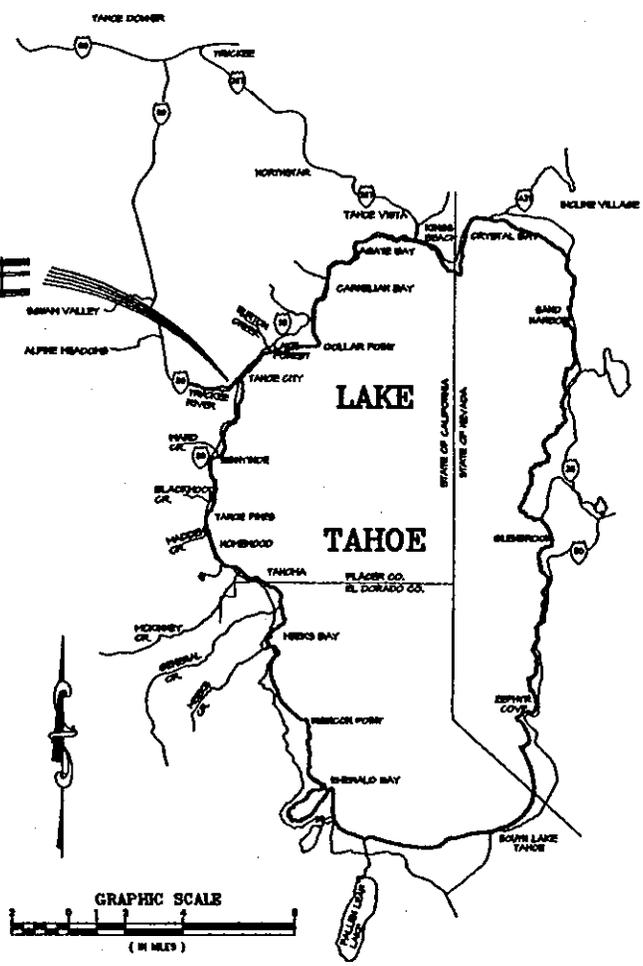
**PROJECT LOCATION:** Approximately a quarter mile southwest of the Tahoe City intersection of Highway 89 and West Lake Boulevard in Tahoe City, Placer County

**APPLICANT:** Mountain Air Sports Inc., PO Box 5519, Tahoe City CA 96145, (530) 583-5606

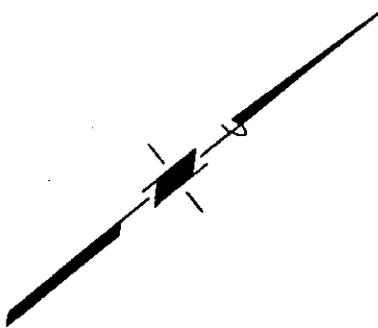
The comment period for this document closes on **May 16, 2014**. A copy of the Negative Declaration is available for public review at the County's web site <http://www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/CommunityDevelopment/EnvCoordSvc/NegDec.aspx> Community Development Resource Agency public counter, and at the Tahoe City Public Library. For Tahoe area projects, please visit our Tahoe Office, 775 North Lake Blvd. in Tahoe City. Property owners within 300 feet of the subject site shall be notified by mail of the upcoming hearing before the Planning commission. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Environmental Coordination Services, at (530)745-3132, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, at 3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA 95603.

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SITE



# VICINITY MAP



## GRAPHIC SCALE



( IN FEET )  
 1 inch = 10 ft.



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**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

In accordance with Placer County ordinances regarding implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, Placer County has conducted an Initial Study to determine whether the following project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment, and on the basis of that study hereby finds:

- The proposed project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment; therefore, it does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report and this **Negative Declaration** has been prepared.
- Although the proposed project could have a significant adverse effect on the environment, there will not be a significant adverse effect in this case because the project has incorporated specific provisions to reduce impacts to a less than significant level and/or the mitigation measures described herein have been added to the project. A **Mitigated Negative Declaration** has thus been prepared.

The environmental documents, which constitute the Initial Study and provide the basis and reasons for this determination are attached and/or referenced herein and are hereby made a part of this document.

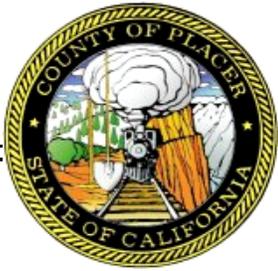
**PROJECT INFORMATION**

<b>Title:</b> Mountain Air Sports Rafting Permit	<b>Plus#</b> PRFT 20140022
<b>Description:</b> The project proposes a renewal of the existing Conditional Use Permit – Rafting Permit in order to continue operation of the commercial river raft rentals along the Truckee River for a term of three years.	
<b>Location:</b> Approximately a quarter mile southwest of the Tahoe City intersection of Highway 89 and West Lake Boulevard in Tahoe City, Placer County	
<b>Project Owner/Applicant:</b> Mountain Air Sports Inc., PO Box 5519, Tahoe City, CA 96145 (530) 583-5606	
<b>County Contact Person:</b> Stacy Wydra	530-581-6288

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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If you wish to appeal the appropriateness or adequacy of this document, address your written comments to our finding that the project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment: (1) identify the environmental effect(s), why they would occur, and why they would be significant, and (2) suggest any mitigation measures which you believe would eliminate or reduce the effect to an acceptable level. Regarding item (1) above, explain the basis for your comments and submit any supporting data or references. Refer to Section 18.32 of the Placer County Code for important information regarding the timely filing of appeals.



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**INITIAL STUDY & CHECKLIST**

This Initial Study has been prepared to identify and assess the anticipated environmental impacts of the following described project application. The document may rely on previous environmental documents (see Section C) and site-specific studies (see Section I) prepared to address in detail the effects or impacts associated with the project.

This document has been prepared to satisfy the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR 15000 et seq.) CEQA requires that all state and local government agencies consider the environmental consequences of projects over which they have discretionary authority before acting on those projects.

The Initial Study is a public document used by the decision-making lead agency to determine whether a project may have a significant effect on the environment. If the lead agency finds substantial evidence that any aspect of the project, either individually or cumulatively, may have a significant effect on the environment, regardless of whether the overall effect of the project is adverse or beneficial, the lead agency is required to prepare an EIR, use a previously-prepared EIR and supplement that EIR, or prepare a Subsequent EIR to analyze the project at hand. If the agency finds no substantial evidence that the project or any of its aspects may cause a significant effect on the environment, a Negative Declaration shall be prepared. If in the course of analysis, the agency recognizes that the project may have a significant impact on the environment, but that by incorporating specific mitigation measures the impact will be reduced to a less than significant effect, a Mitigated Negative Declaration shall be prepared.

Project Title: <b>Mountain Air Sports Rafting Permit</b>	Plus# PRFT 20140022
Entitlement: Renewal of Conditional Use Permit – Rafting Permit	
Site Area: 1.7 acres / 74,052 square feet	APN: 094-190-005, 094-540-023, 095-050-051, 095-050-024, 094-180-024
Location: Approximately a quarter mile southwest of the Tahoe City intersection of Highway 89 and West Lake Boulevard in Tahoe City, Placer County.	

**A. BACKGROUND:**

**Project Description:**

The applicant, Mountain Air Sports is requesting renewal of their existing Conditional Use Permit- Rafting Permit in order to continue operation of their commercial river raft rentals along the Truckee River. Specifically, the request is to renew the Conditional Use Permit – Rafting Permit for another term of three years.

**Project Site** (Background/Existing Setting):

The rafts of the Mountain Air Sports Rafting Company enter the Truckee River at the junction of State Highways 89 and 28, along Highway 89. This site also contains two employee housing facilities, two commercial offices, a restaurant, a small coffee shop, and a raft storage building. Majority of the site is impervious cover and the Truckee River borders the southern boundary of the property. Rafts disembark the Truckee River at the Alpine Meadows site which is bordered by Highway 89 to the west and is surrounded by forest land. The site is a mix of paved and unpaved parking area/driveway and the existing bike path is located between the parking area and the Truckee River.

**B. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING:**

Location	Zoning	General Plan/Community Plan Designations	Existing Conditions and Improvements
Site	Commercial – Recreation	Placer County / Tahoe City / Alpine Meadows	Rafting / Truckee River
North	Retail Tourism	Same as project site	SR 28
South	Recreation	Same as project site	SR 28
East	Retail Tourism	Same as project site	Same as project site
West	Retail Tourism	Same as project site	Same as project site

**C. PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:**

The County has determined that an Initial Study shall be prepared in order to determine whether the potential exists for unmitigatable impacts resulting from the proposed project. Relevant analysis from the County-wide General Plan and Community Plan Certified EIRs, and other project-specific studies and reports that have been generated to date, were used as the database for the Initial Study. The decision to prepare the Initial Study utilizing the analysis contained in the General Plan and Specific Plan Certified EIRs, and project-specific analysis summarized herein, is sustained by Sections 15168 and 15183 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Section 15168 relating to Program EIRs indicates that where subsequent activities involve site-specific operations, the agency would use a written checklist or similar device to document the evaluation of the site and the activity, to determine whether the environmental effects of the operation were covered in the earlier Program EIR. A Program EIR is intended to provide the basis in an Initial Study for determining whether the later activity may have any significant effects. It will also be incorporated by reference to address regional influences, secondary effects, cumulative impacts, broad alternatives, and other factors that apply to the program as a whole.

The following documents serve as Program-level EIRs from which incorporation by reference will occur:

- ➔ Placer County General Plan EIR
- ➔ Tahoe City Area Community Plan EIR

Section 15183 states that “projects which are consistent with the development density established by existing zoning, community plan or general plan policies for which an EIR was certified shall not require additional environmental review, except as may be necessary to examine whether there are project-specific significant effects which are peculiar to the project or site.” Thus, if an impact is not peculiar to the project or site, and it has been addressed as a significant effect in the prior EIR, or will be substantially mitigated by the imposition of uniformly applied development policies or standards, then additional environmental documentation need not be prepared for the project solely on the basis of that impact.

The above stated documents are available for review Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm, at the Placer County Community Development Resource Agency, 3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA 95603. For Tahoe projects, the document will also be available in our Tahoe Division Office, 565 West Lake Blvd., Tahoe City, CA 96145.

**D. EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

The Initial Study checklist recommended by the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines is used to determine potential impacts of the proposed project on the physical environment. The checklist provides a list of questions concerning a comprehensive array of environmental issue areas potentially affected by the project (see CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G). Explanations to answers are provided in a discussion for each section of questions as follows:

- a) A brief explanation is required for all answers including “No Impact” answers.
- b) “Less Than Significant Impact” applies where the project’s impacts are insubstantial and do not require any mitigation to reduce impacts.
- c) "Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from “Potentially Significant Impact” to a "Less than Significant Impact." The County, as lead agency, must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less-than-significant level (mitigation measures from earlier analyses may be cross-referenced).

- d) "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- e) All answers must take account of the entire action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts [CEQA Guidelines, Section 15063(a)(1)].
- f) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, Program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration [CEQA Guidelines, Section 15063(c)(3)(D)]. A brief discussion should be attached addressing the following:
  - ➔ **Earlier analyses used** – Identify earlier analyses and state where they are available for review.
  - ➔ **Impacts adequately addressed** – Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of, and adequately analyzed in, an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards. Also, state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
  - ➔ **Mitigation measures** – For effects that are checked as "Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- g) References to information sources for potential impacts (i.e. General Plans/Community Plans, zoning ordinances) should be incorporated into the checklist. Reference to a previously-prepared or outside document should include a reference to the pages or chapters where the statement is substantiated. A source list should be attached and other sources used, or individuals contacted, should be cited in the discussion.

**I. AESTHETICS** – Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? (PLN)				X
2. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings, within a state scenic highway? (PLN)				X
3. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? (PLN)				X
4. Create a new source of substantial light or glare, which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? (PLN)				X

**Discussion- All Items:**

The project will not impact any scenic vistas along the Truckee River Corridor, any other scenic resources, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings, or create a new source of substantial light or glare, which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area.

**II. AGRICULTURAL & FOREST RESOURCES** – Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? (PLN)				X
2. Conflict with General Plan or other policies regarding land use buffers for agricultural operations? (PLN)				X
3. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, a Williamson Act contract or a Right-to-Farm Policy? (PLN)				X
4. Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))? (PLN)				X
5. Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in the loss or conversion of Farmland (including livestock grazing) or forest land to non-agricultural or non-forest use? (PLN)				X

**Discussion- All Items:**

The project will not convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance (Farmland to non-agricultural use), conflict with General Plan or other policies regarding land use buffers for agricultural operations, conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract. The project would not involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland (including livestock grazing) to non-agricultural use. The re-issuance of a permit for existing river rafting operations does not involve land use changes.

**III. AIR QUALITY – Would the project:**

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? (APCD)			X	
2. Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? (APCD)			X	
3. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? (APCD)			X	
4. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? (APCD)			X	
5. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? (APCD)			X	

**Discussion- Item III-1:**

The project is located within the Mountain Counties Air Basin (MCAB) portion of Placer County. The project proposes an extension of time for an existing raft trip company along the Truckee River. There are no new facilities proposed and increases in traffic should be minimal. The project contribution to regional air quality emissions would be less than significant. Additionally, the project will not result in a significant obstruction to the Tahoe Air Quality Plan. No mitigation measures are required.

**Discussion- Items III-2,3:**

The MCAB is designated non-attainment for the federal and state ozone standards (ROG and NO<sub>x</sub>), unclassified for the federal particulate matter standard (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) and non-attainment for the federal particulate matter standard (PM<sub>10</sub>). Because there are no additional construction activities proposed, and because operational emissions will fall below the PCAPCD threshold of significance, the project will not violate any air quality standard, nor result in a cumulatively considerable increase of any criteria for which the MCAB is in non-attainment. No mitigation measures are required.

**Discussion- Items III-4,5:**

The project includes no grading operations. No mitigation measures are required.

**IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES – Would the project:**

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish & Game, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries? (PLN)			X	
2. Substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number of restrict the range of an endangered, rare, or threatened species? (PLN)			X	

3. Have a substantial adverse effect on the environment by converting oak woodlands? (PLN)				X
4. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community, including oak woodlands, identified in local or regional plans, policies or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish & Game, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries? (PLN)		X		
5. Have a substantial adverse effect on federal or state protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) or as defined by state statute, through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? (PLN)		X		
6. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nesting or breeding sites? (PLN)			X	
7. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances that protect biological resources, including oak woodland resources? (PLN)				X
8. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan? (PLN)				X

**Discussion- Item IV-1:**

The project will have no impact either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The project is renewing a previously approved use permit for river rafting services. No mitigation measures are required.

**Discussion- Item IV-2:**

The project will not substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, or substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of an endangered, rare, or threatened species. No mitigation measures are required.

**Discussion- Item IV-3:**

The project will not convert any oak woodland, nor remove any type of tree.

**Discussion- Items IV-4,5:**

The physical movement of persons and rafts over erodible stream banks has the potential to cause erosion and siltation into the Truckee River. Similarly, stream-side vegetation and sensitive riparian habitat can be impacted from rafting activities. This impact will be reduced to a less than significant impact with the inclusion of the following mitigation measure:

**Mitigation Measures- Items IV-4,5:**

MM IV.1 As mitigation, the applicant shall participate on a “fair share” basis towards the appropriate education of customers, provision of signage in areas of sensitive vegetation, and the employment of personnel to help monitor and enforce conditions of approval. The applicant shall be responsible, at a minimum, for one-half of the required signs at locations of special sensitivity, as determined by the County. Such a sign plan shall be submitted for review and approval to the County, a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the start of the rafting season. In addition, the applicant will be required to participate on a “fair share” basis toward the funding of a program for stream bank revegetation, stabilization, or other measures deemed appropriate.

**Discussion- Item IV-6:**

The project will not interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites. No mitigation measures are required.

**Discussion- Item IV-7:**

The project will not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance.

**Discussion- Item IV-8:**

The project will not conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.

**V. CULTURAL RESOURCES – Would the project:**

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Substantially cause adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines, Section 15064.5? (PLN)				X
2. Substantially cause adverse change in the significance of a unique archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15064.5? (PLN)				X
3. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? (PLN)				X
4. Have the potential to cause a physical change, which would affect unique ethnic cultural values? (PLN)				X
5. Restrict existing religious or sacred uses within the potential impact area? (PLN)				X
6. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? (PLN)				X

**Discussion- All Items:**

As mitigation, the applicant shall participate on a “fair share” basis towards the appropriate education of customers, provision of signage in areas of sensitive vegetation, and the employment of personnel to help monitor and enforce conditions of approval. The applicant shall be responsible, at a minimum, for one-half of the required signs at locations of special sensitivity, as determined by the County. Such a sign plan shall be submitted for review and approval to the County, a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the start of the rafting season. In addition, the applicant will be required to participate on a “fair share” basis toward the funding of a program for stream bank revegetation, stabilization, or other measures deemed appropriate.

**VI. GEOLOGY & SOILS – Would the project:**

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Expose people or structures to unstable earth conditions or changes in geologic substructures? (ESD)				X
2. Result in significant disruptions, displacements, compaction or overcrowding of the soil? (ESD)				X
3. Result in substantial change in topography or ground surface relief features? (ESD)			X	
4. Result in the destruction, covering or modification of any unique geologic or physical features? (ESD)			X	

5. Result in any significant increase in wind or water erosion of soils, either on or off the site? (ESD)			X	
6. Result in changes in deposition or erosion or changes in siltation which may modify the channel of a river, stream, or lake? (ESD)		X		
7. Result in exposure of people or property to geologic and geomorphological (i.e. Avalanches) hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, mudslides, ground failure, or similar hazards? (ESD)				X
8. Be located on a geological unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse? (ESD)				X
9. Be located on expansive soils, as defined in Section 1802.3.2 of the California Building Code (2007), creating substantial risks to life or property? (ESD)				X

**Discussion- Items VI-1,2,8,9:**

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. No building is proposed as a part of the project. The parking and circulation areas are existing and not required to be expanded. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. Because no improvements are proposed or required, the project will not create any unstable soil that could result in liquefaction or collapse. Furthermore, the re-issuance of the requested 100 rafting tags will not create any risks to life or property from any expansive soils. Therefore, there is no impact.

**Discussion- Item VI-3:**

The previously-adopted Negative Declaration (PRFT 20110054) concluded that the impacts associated with substantial changes in topography or ground surface relief features would result in a less than significant impact. The original project included water quality improvements within existing parking areas which may have resulted in a less than significant impact. Those improvements have been constructed and no new construction is proposed or required. The re-issuance of the requested 100 rafting tags will not result in a significant change in topography or ground surface relief features. Therefore, the impact is less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

**Discussion- Items VI-4,5:**

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. Because no improvements are proposed or required, the project will not result in unstable earth conditions, or the destruction/modification of any geologic feature. Additionally, the project will not result in a significant increase in wind or water erosion of soils. Therefore, the impact is less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

**Discussion- Item VI-6:**

The previously-adopted Negative Declaration (PRFT 20110054) concluded that the movement of persons and rafts over erodible stream banks has the potential to cause erosion and siltation to the waters of the Truckee River. The re-issuance of the requested 100 rafting tags will not have an increased impact; however, the project's site specific impacts associated with erosion can be mitigated to a less than significant level by implementing the following mitigation measure:

**Mitigation Measures- Item VI-6:**

MM VI.1 The annual River Monitor Report shall describe the current implementation and effectiveness of an Educational/Signage Program, to the satisfaction of ESD. The Program shall inform their customers of the location of sensitive (erodible) stream banks and vegetation and what measures should be taken to protect those areas.

**Discussion- Item VI-7:**

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. No building or site improvements are proposed or required. Because no improvements are proposed or required, the project will not result in exposure of people or property to geologic hazards such as earthquakes. Therefore, there is no impact.

**VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS – Would the project:**

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant and/or cumulative impact on the environment? (APCD)			X	
2. Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? (APCD)			X	

**Discussion- All Items:**

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of primary concern from land use projects include carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O). Construction related activities resulting in exhaust emissions may come from fuel combustion for heavy-duty diesel and gasoline-powered equipment, portable auxiliary equipment, material delivery trucks, and worker commuter trips. Operational GHG emissions would result from motor vehicle trips generated by the additional residents, on-site fuel combustion for space and water heating, landscape maintenance equipment, and fireplaces/stoves; and off site emissions at utility providers associated with the project’s electricity and water demands.

The operational related GHG emissions resulting from the project would not substantially hinder the State’s ability to attain the goals identified in AB 32 (i.e., reduction of statewide GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020; approximately a 30 percent reduction from projected 2020 emissions). Thus, the operation of the project would not generate substantial greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, which may be considered to have a significant impact on the environment; nor conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases and is therefore considered to have a less than significant impact. No mitigation measures are required.

**VIII. HAZARDS & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS – Would the project:**

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine handling, transport, use, or disposal of hazardous or acutely hazardous materials? (EHS)				X
2. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? (EHS)				X
3. Emit hazardous emissions, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? (APCD)				X
4. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? (EHS)				X
5. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? (PLN)				X
6. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing in the project area? (PLN)				X

7. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? (PLN)				<b>X</b>
8. Create any health hazard or potential health hazard? (EHS)		<b>X</b>		
9. Expose people to existing sources of potential health hazards? (EHS)		<b>X</b>		

**Discussion- Item VIII-1:**

The project will not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine handling, transport, use, or disposal of hazardous waste. Punctured river rafts are repaired offsite either by the manufacturer or by a repair shop.

**Discussion- Item VIII-2:**

The project will not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving a release of hazardous materials into the environment. The river rafts used in this operation are repaired offsite, so there's no release of hazardous materials to the public or the environment.

**Discussion- Item VIII-3:**

The project will not emit hazardous emissions, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school.

**Discussion- Item VIII-4:**

This project is not located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

**Discussion- Items VIII-5,6,7:**

The project is not located in an airport zone, nor is expected to increase the likelihood of a wildland fire in the community.

**Discussion- Items VIII-8,9:**

During holiday events and high traffic periods (July and August), such as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and busy weekends, typically there is a large number of private and commercial rafters utilizing the Truckee River corridor. During these busy periods, a build-up of trash can occur, along with an increased demand for the use of the existing portable toilets. Increased demand for and mis-use of the portable toilets can result in overflowing toilets and other unsanitary conditions. Accumulation of garbage from garbage cans, and unsanitary toilets facilities are a potential health hazard. The following mitigation measure as described will reduce the stated potential health hazards to less than significant.

**Mitigation Measures- Items VIII-8,9:**

MM VIII.1 The project proponent jointly with Truckee River Raft Company will provide daily river cleanup, or more as necessary. Additionally, during holiday periods (days or weekends surrounding July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day Weekend), the river cleanup shall be increased to three (3) trash pick-ups per day or more as necessary. Toilet facilities will be provided by access to portable toilets. The two companies involved, Truckee River Rafting and Mountain Air Sports shall provide at least 9 portable toilets dispersed along the length of the rafting area of the river. During peak uses or whenever necessary to prevent a nuisance, additional toilet facilities shall be provided. The two companies shall contract with a licensed septage hauler to provide sewage disposal maintenance and clean up of the portable toilets.

**IX. HYDROLOGY & WATER QUALITY – Would the project:**

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Violate any federal, state or county potable water quality standards? (EHS)				X
2. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lessening of local groundwater supplies (i.e. the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)? (EHS)				X
3. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area? (ESD)				X
4. Increase the rate or amount of surface runoff? (ESD)				X
5. Create or contribute runoff water which would include substantial additional sources of polluted water? (ESD)		X		
6. Otherwise substantially degrade surface water quality?(ESD)		X		
7. Otherwise substantially degrade ground water quality? (EHS)				X
8. Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map? (ESD)				X
9. Place within a 100-year flood hazard area improvements which would impede or redirect flood flows? (ESD)				X
10. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam? (ESD)				X
11. Alter the direction or rate of flow of groundwater? (EHS)				X
12. Impact the watershed of important surface water resources, including but not limited to Lake Tahoe, Folsom Lake, Hell Hole Reservoir, Rock Creek Reservoir, Sugar Pine Reservoir, French Meadows Reservoir, Combie Lake, and Rollins Lake? (EHS, ESD)		X		

**Discussion- Item IX-1:**

This project will not violate any potable drinking water quality standards as it uses potable drinking water from the Tahoe City Public Utility District.

**Discussion- Item IX-2:**

This project will not substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge as this project uses potable water from the Tahoe City Public Utility District.

**Discussion- Item IX-3:**

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. No building or site improvements are proposed. Because no improvements are proposed or required, the project will not alter the existing drainage pattern of the site. Therefore, there is no impact.

**Discussion- Item IX-4:**

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. No building or site improvements are proposed. Because no improvements are proposed or required, there will not be any increase in the rate or amount of surface runoff. Therefore, there is no impact.

**Discussion- Items IX-5,6:**

The previously-adopted Negative Declaration (PRFT 20110054) concluded that the use of the Truckee River patrons has the potential to create or contribute runoff water which would include substantial additional sources of polluted water and potentially degrade surface water quality. In accordance with the Rafting Ordinance (Sec. 5.16.280 & Sec. 5.16.290), the applicant participates in a River Cleanup Program that includes, but is not limited to: educating patrons of sensitive areas with potential for erosion, daily patrol of the project area, trash removal, placement and maintenance of trash receptacles and portable toilets. Further, the recreational use of the river is shared with other (non-patron) private rafters. The cleanup activities that are provided as a result of this application would provide a positive impact by providing cleanup of debris (resulting from non-patron rafters) that might not otherwise occur. The re-issuance of the requested 100 rafting tags will not have an increased impact; however, project's site specific impacts associated with water quality degradation can be mitigated to a less than significant level by implementing the following mitigation measure:

**Mitigation Measures- Items IX-5,6:**

Refer to text in MM VI.1

MM IX.1 Prior to the end of each calendar year, the applicant shall provide a Final River Cleanup Monitoring Report to Environmental Health Services for distribution to the Development Review Committee (DRC) and the Department of Public Works, Stormwater Quality Division. Additionally, the applicant shall provide a response summary describing how the recommendations contained in the report will be addressed and/or implemented.

**Discussion- Item IX-7:**

This project will not substantially degrade groundwater quality. There is no direct conduit to the groundwater via a water well or irrigation system. Thus, there is no impact.

**Discussion- Items IX-8,9,10:**

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. No building or site improvements are proposed. Because no improvements are proposed or required, no improvements will be within a local 100-year flood hazard area and no flood flows would be redirected. The project site is located downstream of the Lake Tahoe spillway. The proposed activities would not have the potential to cause failure of that upstream structure. Therefore, there is no impact.

**Discussion- Item IX-11:**

This project will not alter the direction or rate of flow of groundwater as it does not use a groundwater source for its drinking water.

**Discussion- Item IX-12:**

Although the project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags, and the applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business, the project has the potential to create impacts to the watershed of the Truckee River, an important surface water resource. The Truckee River has been identified by the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board as a waterway that is required to comply with Total Maximum Daily Load (TDML) thresholds for sediment. Further, Placer County is subject to a Municipal Stormwater permit that requires review and enforcement of water quality violations. The potential impacts related to water quality degradation and erosion within the Truckee River watershed can be mitigated to a less than significant level by implementing the following mitigation measure:

**Mitigation Measures- Item IX-12:**

MM IX.2 An employee to perform the function of a "River Monitor" for the term of this permit shall be provided jointly by Tahoe's Mountain Air Sports and Truckee River Rafting Company, or individually each company must perform the function. Prior to the start of the rafting season, the River Monitor shall convene a meeting with the Truckee River Rafting Company, Tahoe's Mountain Air Sports, and applicable regulatory agencies, as directed by Environmental Health Services. The employee shall be responsible for duties including, but not limited to, compliance with and daily counts of number of rafts on the river, policing of signage programs regarding sensitive

soils, vegetation, and trespass/quiet zones, river clean up, and general public education, safety, and assistance, as outlined in the “Final Lower Truckee River Recreation Monitoring Plan” of July 2002. The River Monitor shall provide a written report detailing the activities performed and compliance with conditions of approval to Environmental Health Services within five days of the end of each month of the operating season. Failure to provide report shall be grounds for revocation of operating permit. The River Monitoring activities and report shall be coordinated between Truckee River Rafting Company and Mountain Air Sports. A draft River Monitor report for the year shall be provided to Environmental Health Services within two weeks of the end of the season for review and approval. A Final River Monitor report shall be signed by the River Monitor and submitted to Environmental Health by the end of each calendar year for distribution to the Development Review Committee (DRC).

**X. LAND USE & PLANNING** – Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Physically divide an established community? (PLN)				X
2. Conflict with General Plan/Community Plan/Specific Plan designations or zoning, or Plan policies adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? (EHS, ESD, PLN)				X
3. Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan or other County policies, plans, or regulations adopted for purposes of avoiding or mitigating environmental effects? (PLN)				X
4. Result in the development of incompatible uses and/or the creation of land use conflicts? (PLN)				X
5. Affect agricultural and timber resources or operations (i.e. impacts to soils or farmlands and timber harvest plans, or impacts from incompatible land uses)? (PLN)				X
6. Disrupt or divide the physical arrangement of an established community (including a low-income or minority community)? (PLN)				X
7. Result in a substantial alteration of the present or planned land use of an area? (PLN)				X
8. Cause economic or social changes that would result in significant adverse physical changes to the environment such as urban decay or deterioration? (PLN)				X

**Discussion- All Items:**

The project will have no impact on land use planning related items. The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. The proposed project does not conflict with General Plan/Community Plan/Specific Plan policies related to grading, drainage, sewer, and transportation.

**XI. MINERAL RESOURCES** – Would the project result in:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. The loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? (PLN)				X

2. The loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan? (PLN)				X
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**Discussion- All Items:**

The river rafting project will have no impact to mineral resources.

**XII. NOISE –** Would the project result in:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local General Plan, Community Plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? (PLN)				X
2. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? (PLN)		X		
3. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? (PLN)		X		
4. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? (PLN)				X
5. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? (PLN)				X

**Discussion- Items XII-1,4,5:**

The project will not expose persons to or generate noise levels in excess of standards established in the local General Plan, Community Plan, noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies, nor is it located within an airport land use plan nor near a public or private airstrip. Therefore, it will not expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels.

**Discussion- Items XII-2,3:**

There exists a potential for raft customers to engage in behavior that is sufficiently loud to persons living along the Truckee River. The following mitigation measure will reduce the noise level to a less than significant impact:

**Mitigation Measures- Items XII-2,3:**

MM XII.1 Through a program of education, appropriate signage indicating “quiet zone” and “private property”, and enforcement through the duties of a “River Monitor”, the impact of noise and trespass is expected to be reduced to a less than significant level. The copy of such signs is expected to be as follows (or similar wording): “Private Property – Trespassing not permitted, please keep noise to a minimum.”

**XIII. POPULATION & HOUSING –** Would the project:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (i.e. by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (i.e. through extension of roads or other			X	

infrastructure)? (PLN)				
2. Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? (PLN)			X	

**Discussion- All Items:**

Although the rafting company does draw people to the area, they consist mostly of tourists that will not add a substantial population growth directly or indirectly. In addition, it is an existing rafting operation and does not propose any new facilities. The project will not displace existing housing necessitating the construction of additional housing. No mitigation measures are required.

**XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES** – Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental services and/or facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services?

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Fire protection? (ESD, PLN)				X
2. Sheriff protection? (ESD, PLN)				X
3. Schools? (ESD, PLN)				X
4. Maintenance of public facilities, including roads? (ESD, PLN)				X
5. Other governmental services? (ESD, PLN)				X

**Discussion- All Items:**

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. The proposed project does not generate the need for new fire protection facilities, new sheriff protection facilities, new school facilities or other public facilities and services as part of this project.

**XV. RECREATION** – Would the project result in:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? (PLN)			X	
2. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? (PLN)		X		

**Discussion- Item XV-1:**

The project will not increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated. No mitigation measures are required.

**Discussion- Item XV-2:**

The physical movement of persons and rafts over erodible stream banks has the potential to cause erosion and siltation into the Truckee River. Similarly, stream-side vegetation and sensitive riparian habitat can be impacted by those same rafting activities. This impact will be reduced to less than significant with the inclusion of the following mitigation measure:

**Mitigation Measures- Item XV-2:**

MM XV.1 As mitigation, the applicant shall participate on a “fair-share” basis toward the appropriate education of customers, provision of signage in areas of sensitive vegetation, and the employment of personnel to help monitor and enforce conditions of approval. In addition, the applicant shall participate on a “fair-share” basis toward the funding a program for stream bank revegetation, stabilization, or other measures deemed appropriate.

**XVI. TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC –** Would the project result in:

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. An increase in traffic which may be substantial in relation to the existing and/or planned future year traffic load and capacity of the roadway system (i.e. result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)? (ESD)				X
2. Exceeding, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the County General Plan and/or Community Plan for roads affected by project traffic? (ESD)				X
3. Increased impacts to vehicle safety due to roadway design features (i.e. sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? (ESD)			X	
4. Inadequate emergency access or access to nearby uses? (ESD)				X
5. Insufficient parking capacity on-site or off-site? (ESD, PLN)				X
6. Hazards or barriers for pedestrians or bicyclists? (ESD)		X		
7. Conflicts with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (i.e. bus turnouts, bicycle lanes, bicycle racks, public transit, pedestrian facilities, etc.) or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities? (ESD)				X
8. Change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks? (PLN)				X

**Discussion- Items XVI-1,2:**

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. The project will not require the construction of any additional improvements. Because no expansion is proposed to the current use and no improvements are proposed or required, there will not be any increase in vehicle trips that will impact area roadways or intersections both individually or cumulatively. Therefore, there is no impact.

**Discussion- Item XVI-3:**

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. The project will not require the construction of any additional improvements. Because no expansion is proposed to the current use and no improvements are proposed or required, there will not be any increase in impacts to vehicle safety. Therefore, the impact is less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

**Discussion- Item XVI-4:**

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. The project will not require the construction of any additional improvements. Because no expansion is proposed to the current use and no improvements are proposed or required, there are no impacts to emergency access or access to nearby uses. Therefore, there is no impact.

**Discussion- Item XVI-5:**

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. The project will not require the construction of any additional improvements. Because no expansion is proposed to the current use and no improvements are proposed or required, there are no requirements for any new parking spaces. Therefore, there is no impact.

**Discussion- Item XVI-6:**

The previously-adopted Negative Declaration (PRFT 20110054) concluded that the use of the Truckee River patrons has the potential to create hazards or barriers for pedestrians or bicyclists. The applicant, as required by the rafting ordinance, provides shuttle service to transport customers and rental rafts between the points of river ingress and egress, and parking areas. The re-issuance of the requested 100 rafting tags will not have an increased impact, however, project's site specific impacts associated with pedestrian and bicyclist's safety and vehicular traffic can be mitigated to a less than significant level by implementing the following mitigation measure identified in the previously-adopted Negative Declaration (PRFT 20110054):

**Mitigation Measures- Item XVI-6:**

MM XVI.1 Prior to April 15th of each year, or prior to commencement of the rafting season, whichever occurs first, the applicant shall submit a Traffic Management Plan that includes, but is not limited to the bussing of patrons between the parking lots and the river, to the satisfaction of Caltrans and the Department of Public Works (DPW). The application is responsible for the full implementation of that Plan during operating hours. Should an encroachment permit be required by Caltrans, a copy of that permit shall be provided to DPW with the Traffic Management Plan.

**Discussion- Item XVI-7:**

The proposed project will not conflict with any existing policies or preclude anticipated future policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation, including bus turnouts, bicycle lanes, bicycle racks, public transit, pedestrian facilities, etc., nor otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities. Therefore, there is no impact.

**Discussion- Item XVI-8:**

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. The project will not require the construction of any additional improvements. Because no expansion is proposed to the current use and no improvements are proposed or required, there will not be a change in air traffic patterns or increase in the air traffic levels that result in substantial safety risks. Therefore, there is no impact.

**XVII. UTILITIES & SERVICE SYSTEMS – Would the project:**

Environmental Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1. Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? (ESD)				X

2. Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater delivery, collection or treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? (EHS, ESD)				X
3. Require or result in the construction of new on-site sewage systems? (EHS)				X
4. Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? (ESD)				X
5. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? (EHS)				X
6. Require sewer service that may not be available by the area's waste water treatment provider? (EHS, ESD)				X
7. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs in compliance with all applicable laws? (EHS)				X

**Discussion- Items XVII-1,2,6:**

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. The project will not require the construction of any additional improvements. Because no expansion is proposed to the current use and no improvements are proposed or required, there will not be any impacts to wastewater treatment requirements of the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Additionally, with no increase in sewer flow, there is no need for the construction of new wastewater collection or treatment facilities or expansions of existing facilities. Therefore, there is no impact.

**Discussion- Item XVII-3:**

The project will not require or result in the construction of new on-site sewage disposal systems.

**Discussion- Item XVII-4:**

The project is for the re-issuance of 100 rafting tags. The applicant does not propose an increase to the number of rafting tags, or an increase to the hours open for business. The project will not require the construction of any additional improvements. Because no expansion is proposed to the current use and no improvements are proposed or required, there is no increase in stormwater flows that will require new stormwater drainage facilities or expansions of existing facilities. Therefore, there is no impact.

**Discussion- Item XVII-5:**

The project will not increase the water flows so there is sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources.

**Discussion- Item XVII-7:**

The project is served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs.

**E. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

Environmental Issue	Yes	No
1. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially impact biological resources, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?		X

2. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)		<b>X</b>
3. Does the project have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?		<b>X</b>

**F. OTHER RESPONSIBLE AND TRUSTEE AGENCIES** whose approval is required:

<input type="checkbox"/> California Department of Fish and Game	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)
<input type="checkbox"/> California Department of Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/> National Marine Fisheries Service
<input type="checkbox"/> California Department of Health Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> California Department of Toxic Substances	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Department of Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
<input type="checkbox"/> California Integrated Waste Management Board	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Regional Water Quality Control Board	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

**G. DETERMINATION** – The Environmental Review Committee finds that:

Although the proposed project **COULD** have a significant effect on the environment, there **WILL NOT** be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described herein have been added to the project. A **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.

**H. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE** (Persons/Departments consulted):

Planning Services Division, Stacy Wydra, Chairperson  
 Planning Services Division, Gerry Haas, Air Quality  
 Engineering and Surveying Division, Sharon Boswell  
 Department of Public Works, Transportation  
 Environmental Health Services, Justin Hansen  
 Flood Control Districts, Andrew Darrow  
 Facility Services, Parks, Andy Fisher



Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date April 15, 2014  
 EJ Ivaldi, Environmental Coordinator

**I. SUPPORTING INFORMATION SOURCES:** The following public documents were utilized and site-specific studies prepared to evaluate in detail the effects or impacts associated with the project. This information is available for public review, Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm, at the Placer County Community Development Resource Agency, Environmental Coordination Services, 3091 County Center Drive, Suite 190, Auburn, CA 95603. For Tahoe projects, the document will also be available in our Tahoe Division office, 565 West Lake Blvd., Tahoe City, CA 96145.

<b>County Documents</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Plan
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Review Ordinance
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Plan
	<input type="checkbox"/> Grading Ordinance
	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Development Manual

	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Division Ordinance	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Ordinance	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Ordinance	
	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	
<b>Trustee Agency Documents</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Department of Toxic Substances Control	
	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	
<b>Site-Specific Studies</b>	Planning Services Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Study
		<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources Pedestrian Survey
		<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources Records Search
		<input type="checkbox"/> Lighting & Photometric Plan
		<input type="checkbox"/> Paleontological Survey
		<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Survey & Arborist Report
		<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Impact Analysis
		<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Delineation
		<input type="checkbox"/> Acoustical Analysis
		<input type="checkbox"/> _____
	Engineering & Surveying Division, Flood Control District	<input type="checkbox"/> Phasing Plan
		<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Grading Plan
		<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Geotechnical Report
		<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Drainage Report
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stormwater & Surface Water Quality BMP Plan
		<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Study
		<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Pipeline Capacity Analysis
		<input type="checkbox"/> Placer County Commercial/Industrial Waste Survey (where public sewer is available)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Master Plan
		<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Plan
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic Control Plan	
	Environmental Health Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Groundwater Contamination Report
		<input type="checkbox"/> Hydro-Geological Study
		<input type="checkbox"/> Acoustical Analysis
		<input type="checkbox"/> Phase I Environmental Site Assessment
		<input type="checkbox"/> Soils Screening
		<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Endangerment Assessment
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2013 River Monitor Report	
	Air Pollution Control District	<input type="checkbox"/> CALINE4 Carbon Monoxide Analysis
		<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Emission & Dust Control Plan
		<input type="checkbox"/> Geotechnical Report (for naturally occurring asbestos)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Health Risk Assessment
		<input type="checkbox"/> URBEMIS Model Output
		<input type="checkbox"/> _____
	Fire Department	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Response and/or Evacuation Plan
		<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic & Circulation Plan
<input type="checkbox"/> _____		