

SNOW SPORTS MUSEUM AND COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER PROJECT ERRATUM

INTRODUCTION

This erratum presents, in ~~strike-through~~ and double-underline format, minor revisions to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the SNOW Sports Museum and Community Cultural Center Project (proposed project). To provide some background to the revisions, it is important to note that Placer County has been in the process of dispensing with the term “Squaw” in public spaces within the Valley now known as Olympic Valley, a term previously in use. The SNOW Sports Museum and Community Cultural Center DEIR reflects the renaming effort, and yet the term “Squaw” does occur in the DEIR largely because some of the governing County documents for the Valley have not yet been formally renamed, and some of the early environmental review supporting documentation predated the name changes that have since occurred. Given the County’s sensitivity to this important issue, the County has implemented the following erratum changes to the DEIR for clarification purposes. Because the changes presented below would not result in any new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of an environmental impact identified in the DEIR, recirculation of the DEIR is not required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5.

MINOR CHANGES TO THE DRAFT EIR

Based on staff-initiated changes, and for clarification purposes, page 1-20 of the Draft EIR is hereby revised to include the following discussion:

1.14 CHANGES FROM SQUAW VALLEY TO OLYMPIC VALLEY

In recent years, there has been increased awareness that the term “squaw” has been used as a sexist and racist reference to Native American people, including in its use as a geographic name place. Therefore, the County is in the process of renaming Squaw Valley and the Valley’s associated facilities, infrastructure, and natural resources. In general, “Squaw Valley” is now known as “Olympic Valley,” a term that was already in use. Not all local and regional names have changed; however, such names may change in the future. For example, the County has voted to rename several County-maintained roadways that previously contained the word “Squaw” to alternative names; however, the Olympic Valley area still contains private roads that are named with the word “Squaw” (i.e., Squaw Creek Road, Squaw Loop, and Squaw Summit Road), which may be renamed in the future.

It should also be noted that this EIR refers to the 1983 Squaw Valley General Plan and Land Use Ordinance and the Squaw Valley Design Review Guidelines by their original names, as the original names remain in place and have not yet been officially renamed by the County. It should further be noted that the project-specific technical reports and the Initial Study prepared for the proposed project, and included as appendices to the DEIR, were drafted prior to several name changes that have been approved within the project area, and, therefore, in some cases, still make reference to the now outdated original names.

This EIR attempts to use updated names wherever possible, and the term “Squaw” is only used to reference a current place name or document title.

The above changes are for clarification purposes only and do not alter the conclusions of the DEIR. Additionally, during preparation of the Final EIR, every effort will be made to correct any

unintentional naming errors included in the DEIR, including, but not limited to, the following:

- References to Squaw Creek and the Resort at Squaw Creek included in Chapter 4, Aesthetics;
- References to Squaw Valley in Chapter 6, Noise;
- References to the Squaw Alpine Transit Company, and the Resort at Squaw Creek in Chapter 7, Transportation; and
- References to Squaw Peak and Squaw Creek in Chapter 8, Wildfire.