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Maureen Riordan, City Planner
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Subject: Stanford in Redwood City Precise Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report

Dear Ms. Maureen Riordan:

Bay Area Air Quality Management District (District) staff reviewed your agency's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Stanford in Redwood City Precise (Plan). District staff understands that the Plan would create a satellite campus setting that will include up to 1.5 million square feet of office and medical clinic development.

District staff commends the City's commitment to implement sustainability measures as part of the Plan, including an ambitious transportation demand management (TDM) plan to reduce emissions from driving. Effective measures included in the TDM plan that will reduce vehicle miles traveled and air pollutant emissions include implementing a bike and car sharing program, subsidizing employee transit passes, and improving bus infrastructure. However, since the DEIR concludes that impacts to air quality remain significant after mitigation, District staff recommends that the TDM plan also include parking measures to minimize the number of parking spaces and implement parking pricing consistent with the City's progressive Parking Plan.

In addition, staff recommends that the Plan be required to upgrade the four existing diesel generators to meet ARB Tier 4 emission standards as a condition of project approval. District staff believes these measures are feasible for reducing the Plan's significant impact for operational emissions.

Staff agrees with the City's analysis of toxic air contaminants and the mitigation measures to protect the potential child care center from exposure to toxic air contaminants. Staff supports Mitigation 8-3 to conduct a site specific health risk assessment for the child care facility and to install an air filtration system and relocate child outdoor use areas as necessary to avoid adverse health impacts.

If you have any questions, please contact Sigalle Michael, Senior Environmental Planner, (415) 749-4683.

Sincerely,


Jean Roggenkamp
Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer

cc: BAAQMD Director Carole Groom
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