

March 1, 2017

Tyler Barrington, Principal Planner  
**NEVADA COUNTY**  
950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 170  
Nevada City, CA 95959

**RE: DOLLAR GENERAL BUDGET AUGMENT REQUEST FOR OUT-OF-SCOPE WORK ON THE DRAFT EIR**

Dear Mr. Barrington:

As we discussed, the following is a request to recover the original budget allocated to the remaining tasks for the project (e.g., Final EIR, Findings, and MMRP) that was used to cover out-of-scope work associated with preparation of the Draft EIR. At the County's request, Michael Baker has held our budget augment request for the Final EIR portion of the EIR process.

We are requesting a budget augment for several reasons, including preparation of visual simulations that were not included in the original scope of work. We had been authorized by staff to prepare visual simulations using funds from the Final EIR at a cost of \$15,700, with subsequent approval for an additional \$1,500 for additional work on the simulations. Per our scope of work, we provided comments on applicant-prepared technical studies that were to be used as the basis for the analysis in the Draft EIR and requested that all of the responses and additional information be provided in memo form, separate from the technical studies, for each of the project sites. Revised studies for some topics and supplemental information or data were submitted by the applicant, which required re-review, with subsequent updates to the EIR sections and the technical appendices. Some of the information requested from the applicant was delayed or submitted in iterations, which resulted in additional revisions in the Administrative Draft EIR through the screencheck Draft EIR. In addition, at the County's request, we prepared a detailed analysis of 13 parcels identified by the County for consideration as off-site alternatives, which required research and analysis at a greater level of effort than would normally be required for a single off-site alternative. Some of the off-site alternatives were subsequently not included, at the County's direction. Additional information, analysis, and enhancements requested by the County in its review of the Administrative Draft EIR resulted in a greater level of effort to prepare the screencheck Draft EIR than assumed in our scope. An additional screencheck Draft EIR requested by the County also contributed to the out-of-scope effort.

Michael Baker estimates that we can complete the Administrative and Final EIR within the budget included in the original budget for the project. Based on that estimate, Michael Baker is requesting \$24,681 to restore the original budget in order to complete the EIR process.

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Please contact me at (916) 231-3375 or [phindmarsh@mbakerintl.com](mailto:phindmarsh@mbakerintl.com) with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'PH', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Patrick Hindmarsh  
Project Manager