

# **APPENDIX N**

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*CHP Letter of Approval for Offsite Signage Plan*

## DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL



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Mr. Scott Garawitz, General Manager  
Thunder Valley Casino  
1200 Athens Avenue  
Lincoln, CA 95648


Dear Mr. Garawitz:

The California Highway Patrol Auburn Area had the opportunity to review Thunder Valley Casino's Expansion Offsite Signage Exhibit Plan. We concur with the proposed plan regarding signage along major roadways within Placer County. Furthermore, we concur with the proposed traffic control plan around Thunder Valley Casino (TVC) on Athens Road during their construction expansion phase.

The increase in the number of signs along major roadways (I-80, SR 65, Baseline Road, Fiddyment Road, and Athens Road) will assist the motoring public in locating TVC and increase the efficient flow of traffic. A large number of motorists traveling to TVC who are not familiar with the roadways may have a difficult time locating TVC. The increase number of signs would aid in guiding the motorist to TVC and prevent traffic accidents by reducing the confusion in trying to locate TVC. Furthermore, the signs would assist with the efficient flow of traffic on the major roadways leading to TVC. When motorists are unfamiliar with the roadways leading to their destination they may have a tendency to drive slower than the flow of traffic and make sudden last minute lane changes and turns to drive on desired roadways, thus, causing traffic accidents.

The Auburn Area reviewed the proposed traffic plan along Athens Road during their construction expansion. We found the plan to be very comprehensive and workable to maintain the efficient movement of traffic. TVC proposed several posted signs and changeable message signs to assist motorist driving on Athens Road. Should you have any questions, please contact Sergeant Canham at 916-663-3344.

Sincerely,

 FOR  
RICK WARD, Captain  
Commander  
Auburn Area

cc: Caltrans District 3  
Placer County Department of Public Works