

Environmental Noise Assessment

Rancho Del Oro Estates

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NOISE/VIBRATION

INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared to address the noise impacts due to and upon the proposed Rancho Del Oro development located in the community of Granite Bay in Placer County, California. The project site is generally located north of Olive Ranch Road and approximately 0.25 miles east of Cavitt-Stallman Road.

The project site includes approximately 119.4 acres of land and proposes 89 single-family residential lots ranging in size from 42,000 s.f. to 51,773 s.f. The project also includes nine open space lots ranging in size from 5,671 s.f. to 440,623 s.f. Figure 1 shows an aerial photo of the project site. Figure 2 shows the project site plan.

The purpose of this study is to evaluate potential noise impacts relative to the applicable Placer County and Granite Bay Community Plan noise standards. Where potential impacts are identified, practical mitigation measures will be identified.

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON NOISE AND VIBRATION

Fundamentals of Acoustics

Acoustics is the science of sound. Sound may be thought of as mechanical energy of a vibrating object transmitted by pressure waves through a medium to human (or animal) ears. If the pressure variations occur frequently enough (at least 20 times per second), then they can be heard and are called sound. The number of pressure variations per second is called the frequency of sound, and is expressed as cycles per second or Hertz (Hz).

Noise is a subjective reaction to different types of sounds. Noise is typically defined as (airborne) sound that is loud, unpleasant, unexpected or undesired, and may therefore be classified as a more specific group of sounds. Perceptions of sound and noise are highly subjective from person to person.

Figure 1
 Rancho Del Oro Estates - Placer County, California
 Project Area and Noise Measurement Sites

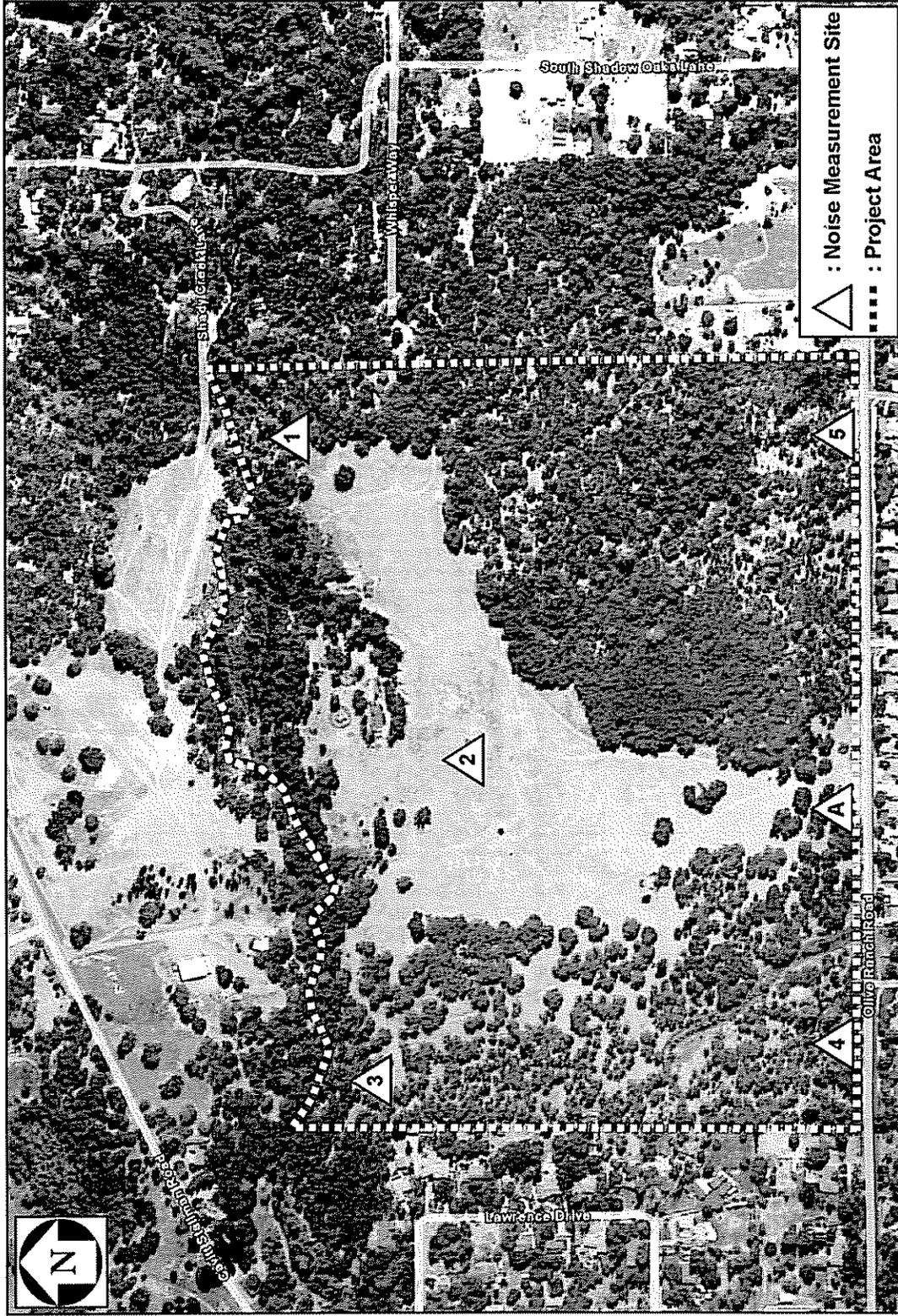
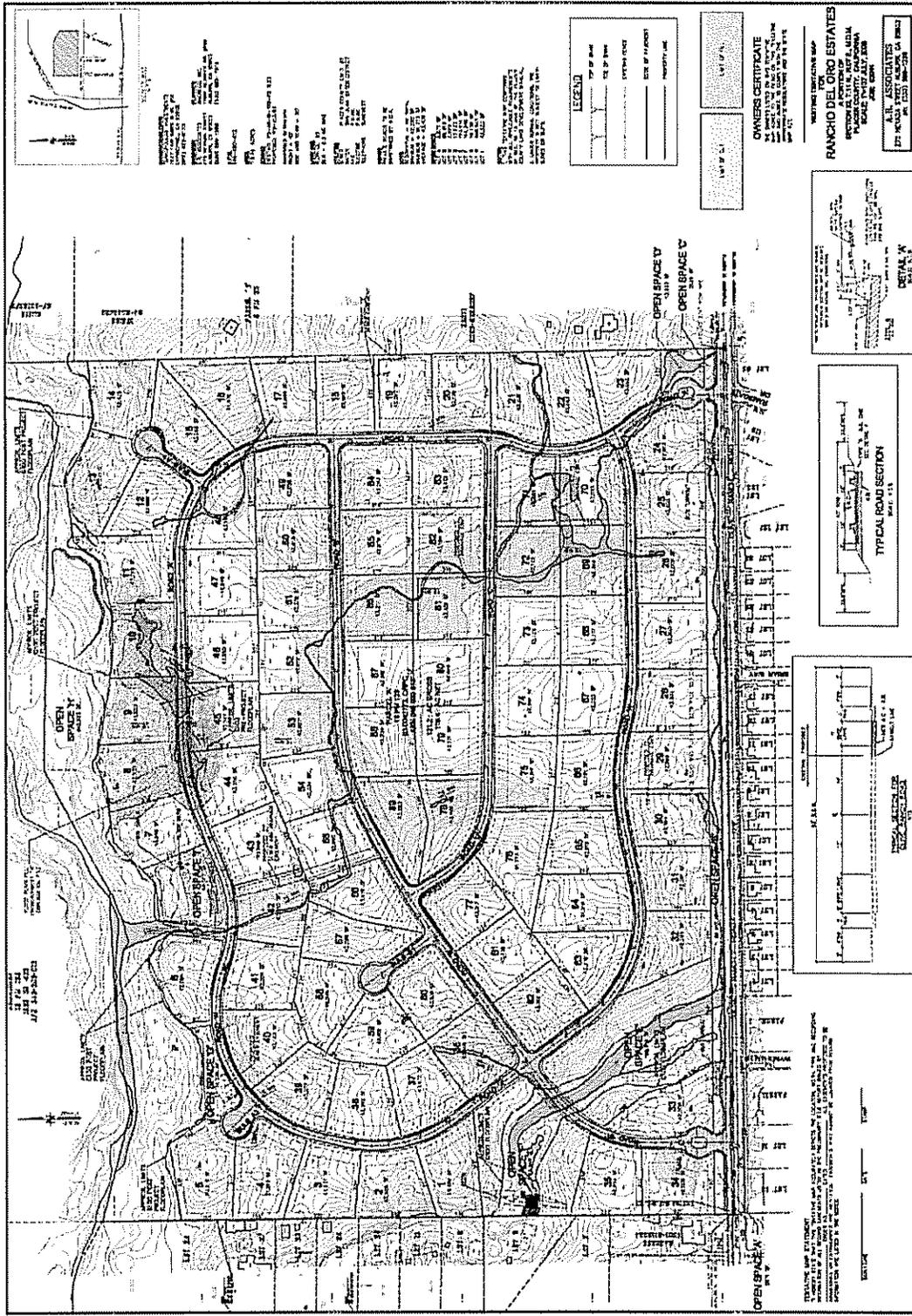


Figure 2
Rancho Del Oro Estates - Placer County, California
Site Plan



Measuring sound directly in terms of pressure would require a very large and awkward range of numbers. To avoid this, the decibel scale was devised. The decibel scale uses the hearing threshold (20 micropascals), as a point of reference, defined as 0 dB. Other sound pressures are then compared to this reference pressure, and the logarithm is taken to keep the numbers in a practical range. The decibel scale allows a million-fold increase in pressure to be expressed as 120 dB, and changes in levels (dB) correspond closely to human perception of relative loudness.

The perceived loudness of sounds is dependent upon many factors, including sound pressure level and frequency content. However, within the usual range of environmental noise levels, perception of loudness is relatively predictable, and can be approximated by A-weighted sound levels. There is a strong correlation between A-weighted sound levels (expressed as dBA) and the way the human ear perceives sound. For this reason, the A-weighted sound level has become the standard tool of environmental noise assessment. All noise levels reported in this section are in terms of A-weighted levels, but are expressed as dB, unless otherwise noted.

The decibel scale is logarithmic, not linear. In other words, two sound levels 10 dB apart differ in acoustic energy by a factor of 10. When the standard logarithmic decibel is A-weighted, an increase of 10 dBA is generally perceived as a doubling in loudness. For example, a 70 dBA sound is half as loud as an 80 dBA sound, and twice as loud as a 60 dBA sound.

Community noise is commonly described in terms of the ambient noise level, which is defined as the all-encompassing noise level associated with a given environment. A common statistical tool to measure the ambient noise level is the average, or equivalent, sound level (L_{eq}), which corresponds to a steady-state A weighted sound level containing the same total energy as a time varying signal over a given time period (usually one hour). The L_{eq} is the foundation of the composite noise descriptor, L_{dn} , and shows very good correlation with community response to noise.

The day/night average level (L_{dn}) is based upon the average noise level over a 24-hour day, with a +10 decibel weighing applied to noise occurring during nighttime (10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) hours. The nighttime penalty is based upon the assumption that people react to nighttime noise exposures as though they were twice as loud as daytime exposures. Because L_{dn} represents a 24-hour average, it tends to disguise short-term variations in the noise environment.

Table 1 lists several examples of the noise levels associated with common situations. Appendix A provides a summary of acoustical terms used in this report.

**TABLE 1
TYPICAL NOISE LEVELS**

Common Outdoor Activities	Noise Level (dBA)	Common Indoor Activities
	-110-	Rock Band
Jet Fly-over at 300 m (1,000 ft)	-100-	
Gas Lawn Mower at 1 m (3 ft)	-90-	
Diesel Truck at 15 m (50 ft), at 80 km/hr (50 mph)	-80-	Food Blender at 1 m (3 ft) Garbage Disposal at 1 m (3 ft)
Noisy Urban Area, Daytime Gas Lawn Mower, 30 m (100 ft)	-70-	Vacuum Cleaner at 3 m (10 ft)
Commercial Area Heavy Traffic at 90 m (300 ft)	-60-	Normal Speech at 1 m (3 ft)
Quiet Urban Daytime	-50-	Large Business Office Dishwasher in Next Room
Quiet Urban Nighttime	-40-	Theater, Large Conference Room (Background)
Quiet Suburban Nighttime	-30-	Library
Quiet Rural Nighttime	-20-	Bedroom at Night, Concert Hall (Background)
	-10-	Broadcast/Recording Studio
Lowest Threshold of Human Hearing	-0-	Lowest Threshold of Human Hearing

Source: Caltrans, Technical Noise Supplement, Traffic Noise Analysis Protocol October 1998

Effects of Noise on People

The effects of noise on people can be placed in three categories:

- Subjective effects of annoyance, nuisance, and dissatisfaction
- Interference with activities such as speech, sleep, and learning
- Physiological effects such as hearing loss or sudden startling

Environmental noise typically produces effects in the first two categories. Workers in industrial plants can experience noise in the last category. There is no completely satisfactory way to measure the subjective effects of noise or the corresponding reactions of annoyance and dissatisfaction. A wide variation in individual thresholds of annoyance exists and different tolerances to noise tend to develop based on an individual's past experiences with noise.

Thus, an important way of predicting a human reaction to a new noise environment is the way it compares to the existing environment to which one has adapted: the so-called ambient noise level. In general, the more a new noise exceeds the previously existing ambient noise level, the less acceptable the new noise will be judged by those hearing it.

With regard to increases in A-weighted noise level, the following relationships occur:

- Except in carefully controlled laboratory experiments, a change of 1 dBA cannot be perceived;
- Outside of the laboratory, a 3 dBA change is considered a just-perceivable difference;
- A change in level of at least 5 dBA is required before any noticeable change in human response would be expected; and
- A 10 dBA change is subjectively heard as approximately a doubling in loudness, and can cause an adverse response.

Stationary point sources of noise – including stationary mobile sources such as idling vehicles – attenuate (lessen) at a rate of approximately 6 dB per doubling of distance from the source, depending on environmental conditions (i.e. atmospheric conditions and either vegetative or manufactured noise barriers, etc.). Widely distributed noises, such as a large industrial facility spread over many acres, or a street with moving vehicles, would typically attenuate at a lower rate.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The project site has moderately sloping areas consisting of scattered woodlands and grasslands. The site is surrounded on three sides by existing single-family development. The north side of the project site is bordered by the Miners Ravine watershed.

EXISTING NOISE RECEPTORS

Some land uses are considered more sensitive to ambient noise levels than others. Land uses often associated with sensitive receptors generally include residences, schools, libraries, hospitals, and passive recreational areas. Sensitive noise receptors may also include threatened or endangered noise sensitive biological species, although many jurisdictions have not adopted noise standards for wildlife areas. Noise sensitive land uses are typically given special attention in order to achieve protection from excessive noise.

Sensitivity is a function of noise exposure (in terms of both exposure duration and insulation from noise) and the types of activities involved. In the vicinity of the project site, sensitive land uses consist of single-family residential uses located to the west, east and south of the project site.

EXISTING AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

To quantify existing ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project site, j.c. brennan & associates, Inc. staff conducted short-term noise level measurements at five locations on the project site, and continuous 24-hour noise level measurements at one location. See Figure 1 for noise measurement locations. The noise level measurements were conducted on June 10-11, 2008. The noise level measurements were conducted to determine typical background noise levels and for comparison to the project related noise levels. Table 2 shows a summary of the noise measurement results. Appendix B provides the complete results of the 24-hr hour noise measurements.

The sound level meters were programmed to record the maximum, median, and average noise levels at each site during the survey. The maximum value, denoted L_{max} , represents the highest noise level measured. The average value, denoted L_{eq} , represents the energy average of all of the noise received by the sound level meter microphone during the monitoring period. The median value, denoted L_{50} , represents the sound level exceeded 50 percent of the time during the monitoring period.

Larson Davis Laboratories (LDL) Model 820 precision integrating sound level meters were used for the ambient noise level measurement survey. The meters were calibrated before and after use with an LDL Model CAL200 acoustical calibrator to ensure the accuracy of the measurements. The equipment used meets all pertinent specifications of the American National Standards Institute for Type 1 sound level meters (ANSI S1.4).

**Table 2
Existing Ambient Noise Monitoring Results
Rancho Del Oro Estates – Placer County, California**

Site	Location	Date	Average Measured Hourly Noise Levels, dBA						
			Ldn/ CNEL	Daytime (7:00 am - 10:00 pm)			Nighttime (10:00 pm – 7:00 am)		
				Leq	L50	Lmax	Leq	L50	Lmax
Continuous 24-hour Noise Measurement Site									
A	Southern Project Boundary, (75' from the centerline of Olive Ranch Road)	June 10-11, 2008 (10:00 a m -9:00 a m)	57.6	56.1	49.0	73.7	49.4	38.8	67.7
Short-term Noise Measurement Sites									
1	NE Corner of Site	June 10, 2008 10:24 a.m.	NA	46.7	45.3	55.1	NA		
2	Center of Site	June 10, 2008 10:43 a.m.	NA	50.2	47.1	63.5	NA		
3	NW Corner of Site	June 10, 2008 11:00 a.m.	NA	50.8	49.7	58.1	NA		
4	SW Corner of Site	June 10, 2008 11:21 a.m.	NA	55.9	52.1	71.0	NA		
5	SE Corner of Site	June 10, 2008 11:42 a.m.	NA	62.1	51.4	78.4	NA		

Source: j c brennan & associates, Inc – 2009

Existing Roadway Noise Levels

To determine the existing traffic noise levels along the project-area roadways, the Federal Highway Administration Highway Traffic Noise Prediction Model (FHWA-RD-77-108) was used with the California Vehicle Noise Emission Levels (Calveno). The FHWA Model is based upon the Calveno reference noise emissions for automobiles, medium trucks and heavy trucks, with consideration given to vehicle volume, speed, roadway configuration, distance to the receiver, and the acoustical characteristics of the site. Traffic volumes were obtained from the traffic study prepared for the project by Omni-Means (February 2009). Truck usage and vehicle speeds on the project roadways were estimated from field observations.

Table 3 shows the existing traffic noise levels in terms of L_{dn} at a reference distance of 100 feet from the centerlines of the existing project-area roadways identified in the traffic study (existing conditions). This table also shows the distances to existing traffic noise contours. A complete listing of the FHWA Model input data is contained in Appendix C.

**TABLE 3
EXISTING NOISE LEVELS AND DISTANCES TO CONTOURS
RANCHO DEL ORO ESTATES – PLACER COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

Roadway	Segment	L_{dn} @ 100 Feet (dB)	Distance to Contours (feet)		
			70 dB	65 dB	60 dB
Olive Ranch Road	Cavitt-Stallman to Ramsgate	52.5	7	15	32
Olive Ranch Road	Ramsgate to Barton	52.1	6	14	30
Douglas Blvd.	West of Sierra College	69.2	88	189	408
Douglas Blvd.	Sierra College to Cavitt-Stallman	71.3	122	262	565
Douglas Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Seeno	70.3	105	227	489
Douglas Blvd.	Seeno to Kingsgate	70.3	104	225	484
Douglas Blvd.	Kingsgate to Barton	70.0	100	215	462
Douglas Blvd.	East of Barton	68.7	82	178	383
Sierra College Blvd.	North of Cavitt-Stallman	67.0	63	135	291
Sierra College Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Douglas	65.5	50	108	232
Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Olive Ranch	53.0	7	16	34
Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Olive Ranch	56.3	12	26	57
Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Douglas	58.9	18	39	84
Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Douglas	56.5	13	27	58
Ramsgate Drive	South of Olive Ranch	43.2	2	4	8
Seeno Ave.	North of Douglas	49.2	4	9	19
Kingsgate Drive	North of Douglas	47.7	3	7	15
Barton Road	North of Olive Ranch	56.5	13	27	59
Barton Road	Olive Ranch to Douglas	56.1	12	25	55
Barton Road	South of Douglas	59.4	20	42	92

Notes: Distances to traffic noise contours are measured in feet from the centerlines of the roadways

Source: FHWA-RD-77-108 with inputs from Omni-Means, and j.c. brennan & associates, Inc 2009.

REGULATORY CONTEXT

FEDERAL

There are no federal regulations related to noise that apply to the Proposed Project.

STATE

There are no state regulations related to noise that apply to the Proposed Project.

Placer County General Plan Criteria:

For transportation noise sources, such as roadway traffic, the Placer County General Plan Noise Element establishes a "Normally Acceptable" exterior noise level standard for residential uses of 60 dBA Ldn, which is applied in "outdoor activity" areas. A "Conditionally Acceptable" exterior noise level standard of 65 dBA Ldn may be applied provided that "practical" exterior noise reduction measures have been implemented and interior noise levels are in compliance with County standards. The County also establishes an interior noise level criterion of 45 dB Ldn.

With regards to where the exterior noise level standard is applied, the Noise Element provides the following guidance:

Outdoor activity areas are generally considered to be the back yard or patio of the receiving land use. Where the location of outdoor activity areas is unknown, the exterior noise level standard shall be applied to the property line of the receiving land use.

Granite Bay Community Plan:

The Granite Bay Community Plan establishes specific goals and policies which are intended to provide a means to achieve noise-compatible land uses in the vicinity of existing or planned noise producing sources. The following is a list the specific goals and policies of the Granite Bay Community Plans Noise Element relative to this project.

GOAL:

To provide the health, safety, and welfare of the Granite Bay area residents by providing a livable environment free from excessive noise.

Policies

- 1. Locate noise-sensitive land uses within areas of acceptable community noise equivalent levels.*
- 2. Encourage the use of greenbelts or natural areas along roadways as a design feature of any development in order to mitigate noise impacts.*

3. Continue program of monitoring noise sources to assure conformance with noise standards adopted in the Countywide Noise Element.
4. Avoid the interface of noise-producing and noise-sensitive land uses.
5. Require implementation of noise abatement techniques within new projects where warranted.
7. Require project specific noise studies for most commercial, office, public, institutional and residential projects.
8. Limit construction activities to daytime hours (7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Tables 5 and 6 (Tables 4 and 5 in this document) explain acceptable noise exposure levels based upon the standards adopted in the Countywide Noise Element.

**Table 4
(Table 5 of the Granite Bay Community Plan)
Allowable Ldn Noise Levels Within Specified Zone Districts
Applicable to New Projects Affected by or
Including Non-Transportation Noise Sources**

Zone District of Receptor	Property Line of Receiving Use	Interior Space ¹
Residential adjacent to industrial	60 dBA	45 dBA
Other Residential	50 dBA	45 dBA
Office/Professional	70 dBA	45 dBA
Neighborhood Commercial	70 dBA	45 dBA
Notes for Table 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Except where noted otherwise, noise exposures will be those which occur at the property line of the receiving use. • *Where existing transportation noise levels exceed the standards of this table, the allowable Ldn shall be raised to the same level as that of the ambient level • *If the noise source generated by, or affecting, the uses shown above consists primarily of speech or music, or if the noise source is impulsive in nature, the noise standards shown above shall be decreased by 5 dB. • ¹Interior spaces are defined as any locations where some degree of noise sensitivity exists. Examples include all habitable rooms of residences, and areas where communication and speech intelligibility are essential, such as classrooms and offices. <p style="text-align: center;">Please see the Granite Bay Community Plan for the full Table footnotes.</p>		

The proposed project does not include the creation of new non-transportation noise sources. Additionally, the project site is not currently exposed to existing significant sources of non-transportation noise. Therefore, consideration of the Table 4 standards for this project is not warranted.

**Table 5
(Table 6 of the Granite Bay Community Plan)
Maximum Allowable Noise Exposure (Ldn)
Transportation Noise Sources**

Land Use	Outdoor Activity Areas ¹	Interior Spaces	
	Ldn/CNEL, dB	Ldn/CNEL, dB	Leq, dB ²
Residential	60 ³	45	--
Transient Lodging	60 ³	45	--
Hospitals, Nursing Homes	60 ³	45	--
Theaters, Auditoriums	--	--	--
Churches, Meeting Halls	60 ³	--	35
Office Buildings	--	--	40
Schools, Libraries, Museums	--	--	45

¹ Where the location of outdoor activity areas is unknown the exterior noise level standard shall be applied to the property line of the receiving land use.
² As determined for a typical worst-case hour during periods of use.
³ Where it is not possible to reduce noise in outdoor activity areas to 60 Ldn/CNEL or less using a practical application of the best-available noise reduction measures, an exterior noise level of up to 65 dB Ldn/CNEL may be allowed provided that available exterior noise level reduction measures have been implemented and interior noise levels are in compliance with this table.

IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

METHOD OF ANALYSIS

Traffic Noise Impact Assessment Methodology

To assess noise impacts due to project-related traffic increases on the local roadway network, traffic noise levels are predicted at a representative distance for both short term and future, project and no-project conditions for the Proposed Project. Noise impacts are identified at existing noise-sensitive areas if the noise levels generated by the project create significant increase in existing noise levels.

To describe existing and projected noise levels due to traffic, the Federal Highway Administration Highway Traffic Noise Prediction Model (FHWA RD-77-108) was used. The model is based upon the Calveno reference noise factors for automobiles, medium trucks and heavy trucks, with consideration given to vehicle volume, speed, roadway configuration, distance to the receiver, and the acoustical characteristics of the site. The FHWA model was developed to predict hourly L_{eq} values for free-flowing traffic conditions. To predict traffic noise levels in terms of L_{dn} , it is necessary to adjust the input volume to account for the day/night distribution of traffic.

The p.m. peak hour traffic volumes were compiled into segment volumes and converted into daily traffic volumes using a factor of 10. Truck usage and vehicle speeds on the local area roadways were estimated from field observations. The predicted increases in traffic noise levels on the local roadway network for existing and future conditions which would result from the project are provided in terms of L_{dn} at a standard distance of 100 feet from the centerlines of the project-area roadways.

Construction Noise Impact Methodology

Construction noise was analyzed using data compiled for various pieces of construction equipment at a representative distance of 50 feet. Construction activities are discussed relative to the applicable Placer County noise policies. Potential impacts and mitigation measures are discussed.

STANDARDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

CEQA Guidelines define a significant adverse impact on the environment as an impact that would:

- a. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the Placer County General Plan Noise Element or the Granite Bay Community Plan Noise Element.
- b. Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels.
- c. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project, typically defined as 4 dB.
- d. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project, typically defined as 4 dB.
- e. 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, where the project would expose people residing or working in the area to excessive noise levels.
- f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, where the project would expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels.

The project site is not predicted to generate significant amounts of groundborne noise or vibration. Therefore, item "b" would not apply. Additionally, the project site is not located within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public or private airport.

PROJECT-SPECIFIC IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

Impact 1 Construction noise at sensitive receptors

Construction of the Proposed Project would temporarily increase noise levels during construction. This would be a *potentially significant* impact.

During the construction phases of the project, noise from construction activities would add to the noise environment in the immediate project vicinity. Activities involved in construction would generate maximum noise levels, as indicated in Table 6, ranging from 76 to 90 dB at a distance of 50 feet. Construction activities would be temporary in nature and are anticipated to occur during normal daytime working hours.

Noise would also be generated during the construction phase by increased truck traffic on area roadways. A significant project-generated noise source would be truck traffic associated with transport of heavy materials and equipment to and from construction sites. This noise increase would be of short duration, and would likely occur primarily during daytime hours.

**Table 6
Construction Equipment Noise
Rancho Del Oro Estates – Placer County, California**

Type of Equipment	Maximum Level, dB at 50 feet
Backhoe	78
Compactor	83
Compressor (air)	78
Concrete Saw	90
Dozer	82
Dump Truck	76
Excavator	81
Generator	81
Jackhammer	89
Pneumatic Tools	85

Source: *Roadway Construction Noise Model User's Guide* Federal Highway Administration. FHWA-HEP-05-054
January 2006

Construction activities are conditionally exempt from the Placer County Noise Ordinance during certain hours. Construction activities are exempt from the noise standard from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Mitigation Measures

The following mitigation measures are required for the Proposed Project to minimize construction noise impacts.

- MM1a Construction activities shall comply with the Placer County Noise Ordinance.
- MM1b Locate fixed construction equipment such as compressors and generators as far as possible from sensitive receptors. Shroud or shield all impact tools, and muffle or shield all intake and exhaust ports on power construction equipment.
- MM1c Designate a disturbance coordinator and conspicuously post this person's number around the project site and in adjacent public spaces. The disturbance coordinator will receive all public complaints about construction noise disturbances and will be responsible for determining the cause of the complaint, and implement any feasible measures to be taken to alleviate the problem.

Significance after Mitigation

Less than significant

Impact 2 The Proposed Project could expose existing receptors to significant increases in traffic noise levels

Traffic generated by the Proposed Project could generate traffic noise increases exceeding the 4 dB standard of significance. This would be a **significant** impact.

Traffic volumes were obtained from Omni-Means Transportation Engineers. The p.m. peak hour traffic volumes were compiled into segment volumes and converted into daily traffic volumes using a factor of 10. Truck usage and vehicle speeds on the local area roadways were estimated from field observations.

Table 7 shows the predicted traffic noise level increases on the local roadway network for existing conditions. Table 8 shows the predicted traffic noise levels and potential traffic noise level increases on the local roadway network for the Cumulative (2025) conditions. Appendix C provides the complete inputs and results of the FHWA traffic noise modeling.

**Table 7
Predicted Traffic Noise Levels and Project-Related Traffic Noise Level Increases
Rancho Del Oro Estates – Placer County, California**

Roadway	Segment	Noise Levels (Ldn, dB) 100 Feet From Centerline ¹		
		Existing (dB)	Existing + Project (dB)	Change (dB)
Olive Ranch Road	Cavitt-Stallman to Ramsgate	52.5	53.5	1.0
Olive Ranch Road	Ramsgate to Barton	52.1	53.0	0.9
Douglas Blvd.	West of Sierra College	69.2	69.2	0.0
Douglas Blvd	Sierra College to Cavitt-Stallman	71.3	71.3	0.0
Douglas Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Seeno	70.3	70.3	0.0
Douglas Blvd.	Seeno to Kingsgate	70.3	70.3	0.0
Douglas Blvd.	Kingsgate to Barton	70.0	70.0	0.0
Douglas Blvd.	East of Barton	68.7	68.8	0.1
Sierra College Blvd.	North of Cavitt-Stallman	67.0	67.0	0.0
Sierra College Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Douglas	65.5	65.5	0.0
Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Olive Ranch	53.0	53.0	0.0
Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Olive Ranch	56.3	56.9	0.6
Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Douglas	58.9	59.0	0.1
Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Douglas	56.5	56.5	0.0
Ramsgate Drive	South of Olive Ranch	43.2	45.1	1.9
Seeno Ave.	North of Douglas	49.2	49.4	0.2
Kingsgate Drive	North of Douglas	47.7	48.5	0.8
Barton Road	North of Olive Ranch	56.5	56.6	0.1
Barton Road	Olive Ranch to Douglas	56.1	56.4	0.3
Barton Road	South of Douglas	59.4	59.5	0.1

¹ Distances to traffic noise contours are measured in feet from the centerlines of the roadways

² Traffic noise levels do not account for shielding from existing noise barriers or intervening structures. Traffic noise levels may vary depending on actual setback distances and localized shielding.

Source: j c brennan & associates, Inc 2009

**Table 8
Cumulative (2025) Noise Levels With and Without Project
Rancho Del Oro Estates – Placer County, California**

Roadway	Segment	Noise Levels (Ldn, dB) 100 Feet From Centerline ¹			Distance to Traffic Noise Contour (feet) ¹		
		Cumulative (dB)	Cumulative + Project (dB)	Change (dB)	70 dB Ldn	65 dB Ldn	60 dB Ldn
Olive Ranch Road	Cavitt-Stallman to Ramsgate	54.7	55.3	0.6	10	23	49
Olive Ranch Road	Ramsgate to Barton	54.5	55.1	0.6	10	22	47
Douglas Blvd.	West of Sierra College	70.0	70.0	0.0	100	216	465
Douglas Blvd	Sierra College to Cavitt-Stallman	71.8	71.8	0.0	132	285	614
Douglas Blvd	Cavitt-Stallman to Seeno	71.1	71.1	0.0	119	256	552
Douglas Blvd.	Seeno to Kingsgate	71.1	71.1	0.0	118	255	550
Douglas Blvd.	Kingsgate to Barton	70.7	70.7	0.0	111	239	515
Douglas Blvd.	East of Barton	69.5	69.6	0.1	93	201	434
Sierra College Blvd.	North of Cavitt-Stallman	69.6	69.6	0.0	94	203	438
Sierra College Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Douglas	68.5	68.5	0.0	79	171	367
Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Olive Ranch	55.6	55.6	0.0	11	24	51
Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Olive Ranch	58.0	58.4	0.4	17	36	78
Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Douglas	59.3	59.4	0.1	20	43	92
Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Douglas	57.9	57.9	0.0	16	33	72
Ramsgate Drive	South of Olive Ranch	45.2	46.3	1.1	3	6	12
Seeno Ave.	North of Douglas	49.8	50.1	0.3	5	10	22
Kingsgate Drive	North of Douglas	48.5	49.0	0.5	4	9	19
Barton Road	North of Olive Ranch	60.5	60.5	0.0	23	50	108
Barton Road	Olive Ranch to Douglas	59.6	59.7	0.1	21	45	96
Barton Road	South of Douglas	61.4	61.4	0.0	27	58	125

¹ Traffic noise levels do not account for shielding from existing noise barriers or intervening structures. Traffic noise levels may vary depending on actual setback distances and localized shielding.

² Distances to traffic noise contours are measured in feet from the centerlines of the roadways.

Source: j c brennan & associates, Inc 2009

Based upon the Table 7 and 8 data, the proposed project is not predicted to result in traffic noise level increases exceeding 4 dB. Therefore, this impact is considered less-than-significant relative to the project's significance criteria.

Mitigation for Impact 2

None required

Impact 3: The proposed project could expose new noise-sensitive uses to transportation noise levels that exceed the Placer County exterior and interior noise level standards. This is considered to be a potentially significant impact.

Future noise-sensitive uses adjacent to Olive Ranch Road could be affected by traffic noise levels exceeding the Placer County 60 dB Ldn and exterior and 45 dB Ldn interior noise level standards. The FHWA traffic noise prediction model was used to predict cumulative + project traffic noise levels adjacent to these roadways. The Table 8 data show the distances to the 60, 65, and 70 dB Ldn noise contours for these roadways.

However, the cumulative + project data provided by Omni-Means is not a 20-year traffic projection, as required by the Placer County General Plan Noise Element for assessing on-site traffic noise levels. Therefore, j.c. brennan & associates, Inc. assumed a 2% per year increase in Olive Ranch Road traffic until 2030. Using this increase, an ADT traffic volume of 3,367 was calculated for Olive Ranch Road. Based upon this ADT, the predicted 60 dB Ldn traffic noise contour would be located approximately 52 feet from the centerline of Olive Ranch Road. Figure 3 shows the location of the noise contour. Appendix D shows the results of the 2030 FHWA traffic noise modeling.

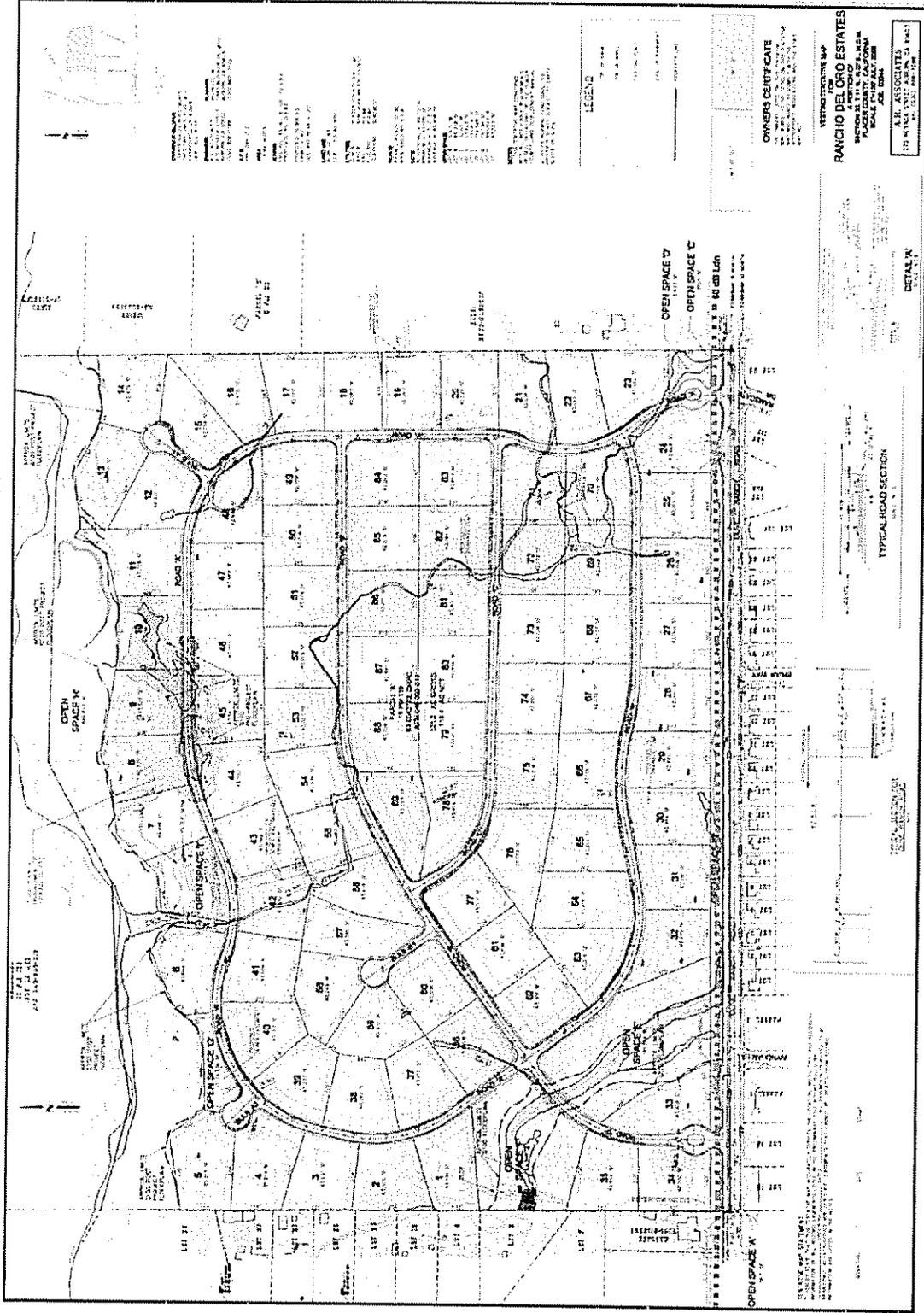
Based upon review of the 60 dB Ldn traffic noise contour, no new outdoor recreation areas are predicted to be exposed to traffic noise levels exceeding 60 dB Ldn under the proposed project.

Modern construction typically provides a 25 dB exterior-to-interior noise level reduction with windows closed. Therefore, sensitive receptors exposed to exterior noise of 70 dB Ldn, or less, will typically comply with the Placer County 45 dB Ldn interior noise level standard. Based upon review of Figure 3, no new sensitive receptors are predicted to be exposed to exterior noise levels exceeding 70 dB Ldn. Therefore, no interior noise mitigation would be required.

Mitigation for Impact 3

None required

Figure 3
Rancho Del Oro Estates - Placer County, California
Predicted Traffic Noise Contour



□ □ □ □ □ : Future (2030) 60 dB L_{dn} Traffic Noise Contour

CUMULATIVE IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

The cumulative context for noise impacts associated with the Proposed Project consists of the existing and future noise sources that could affect the project or surrounding uses. Noise generated by construction would be temporary, and would not add to the permanent noise environment or be considered as part of the cumulative context.

Impact 4 The Proposed Project would add to cumulative noise levels in the project vicinity.

The cumulative context for noise impacts associated with the Proposed Project consists of the existing and future noise sources that could affect the project or surrounding uses. Noise generated by construction would be temporary, and would not add to the permanent noise environment or be considered as part of the cumulative context. The total noise impact of the Proposed Project would be fairly small and would not be a substantial increase to the existing future noise environment. Thus, the Proposed Project would result in a ***less than significant cumulative impact***.

Traffic

Cumulative noise impacts would occur primarily as a result of increased traffic on local roadways due to the Proposed Project and on site activities resulting from operation of the proposed project. Table 8 above shows cumulative traffic noise levels with and without the Proposed Project. As discussed, the project would not result in significant increases in traffic noise levels at sensitive receptors.

Non-Traffic Noise

The Proposed Project is expected to create noise due to on-site residential use of the project site. Non-traffic noise includes increased pedestrian activity in and around the project site. The number of people walking and interacting on surrounding roads would increase slightly. This could raise noise levels on these streets slightly as more people utilize the site. This is not expected to substantially influence interior or exterior noise levels at nearby receptors.

Cumulative Conclusion

The combination of traffic and non-traffic noise from the Proposed Project is not expected to produce noise levels that would exceed County standards or produce isolated events that could disrupt sleep. As discussed above, the Proposed Project would not create non-transportation or stationary noise exceeding local ordinances. Increased project related traffic would increase traffic noise levels by less than 4 dBA L_{dn} at sensitive receptors. Consequently, the total noise impact of the Proposed Project would not be a substantial increase to the future noise environment. The Proposed Project would result in a less than significant cumulative impact.

Mitigation for Impact 4

None required

Appendix A Acoustical Terminology

Acoustics	The science of sound.
Ambient Noise	The distinctive acoustical characteristics of a given space consisting of all noise sources audible at that location. In many cases, the term ambient is used to describe an existing or pre-project condition such as the setting in an environmental noise study.
Attenuation	The reduction of an acoustic signal.
A-Weighting	A frequency-response adjustment of a sound level meter that conditions the output signal to approximate human response.
Decibel or dB	Fundamental unit of sound, A Bell is defined as the logarithm of the ratio of the sound pressure squared over the reference pressure squared. A Decibel is one-tenth of a Bell.
CNEL	Community Noise Equivalent Level. Defined as the 24-hour average noise level with noise occurring during evening hours (7 - 10 p.m.) weighted by a factor of three and nighttime hours weighted by a factor of 10 prior to averaging.
Frequency	The measure of the rapidity of alterations of a periodic signal, expressed in cycles per second or hertz.
L_{dn}	Day/Night Average Sound Level. Similar to CNEEL but with no evening weighting.
L_{eq}	Equivalent or energy-averaged sound level.
L_{max}	The highest root-mean-square (RMS) sound level measured over a given period of time.
L_(n)	The sound level exceeded a described percentile over a measurement period. For instance, an hourly L ₅₀ is the sound level exceeded 50% of the time during the one hour period.
Loudness	A subjective term for the sensation of the magnitude of sound.
Noise	Unwanted sound.
Peak Noise	The level corresponding to the highest (not RMS) sound pressure measured over a given period of time. This term is often confused with the "Maximum" level, which is the highest RMS level.
RT₆₀	The time it takes reverberant sound to decay by 60 dB once the source has been removed.
Sabin	The unit of sound absorption. One square foot of material absorbing 100% of incident sound has an absorption of 1 sabin.
SEL	A rating, in decibels, of a discrete event, such as an aircraft flyover or train passby, that compresses the total sound energy into a one-second event.
Threshold of Hearing	The lowest sound that can be perceived by the human auditory system, generally considered to be 0 dB for persons with perfect hearing.
Threshold of Pain	Approximately 120 dB above the threshold of hearing.
Impulsive	Sound of short duration, usually less than one second, with an abrupt onset and rapid decay.
Simple Tone	Any sound which can be judged as audible as a single pitch or set of single pitches.

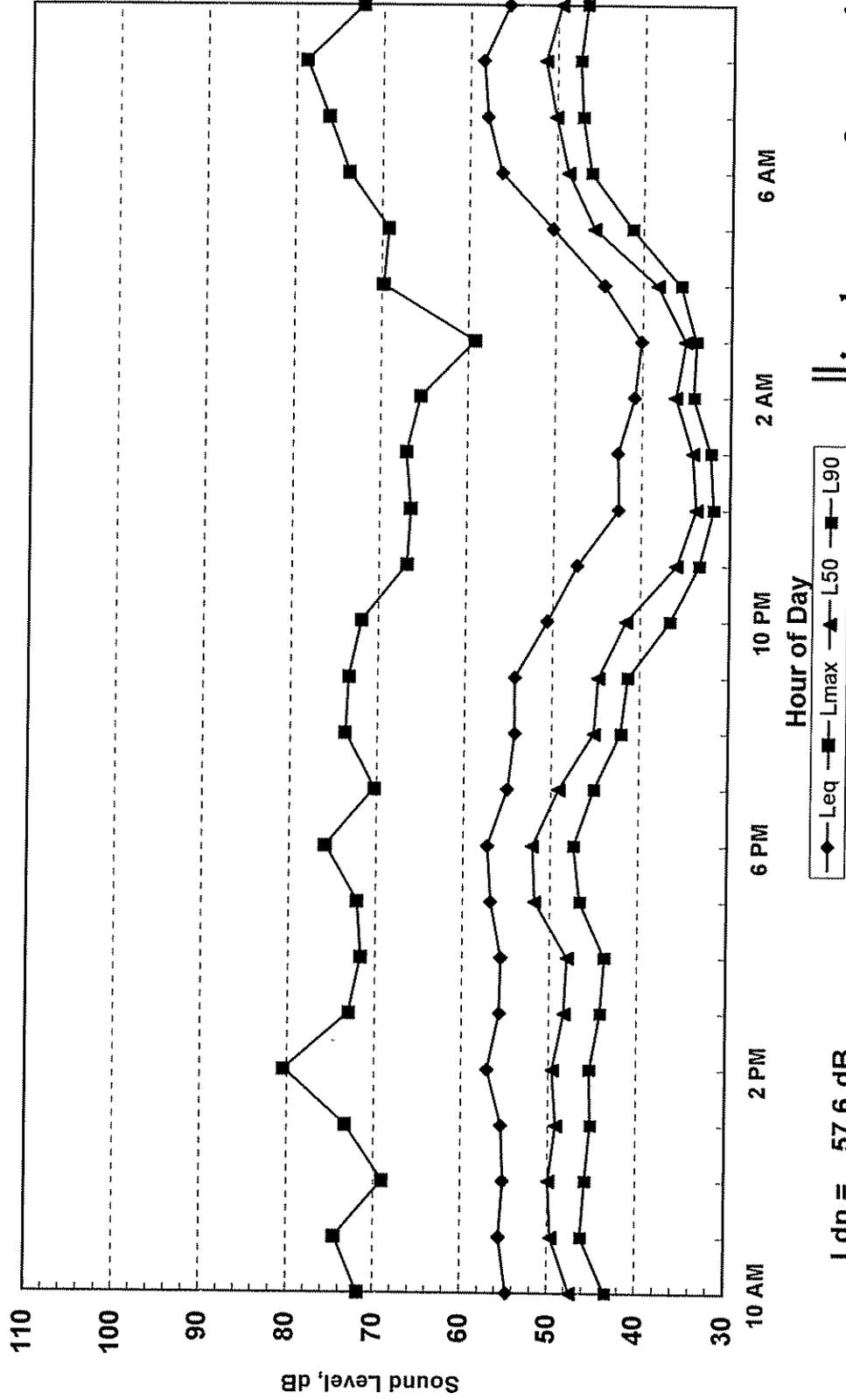
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 Rancho Del Oro Estates
 24hr Continuous Noise Monitoring - Site A
 June 10-11, 2008

Hour	Leq	Lmax	L50	L90
10:00	55	72	47	43
11:00	56	75	50	46
12:00	55	69	50	46
13:00	55	73	49	45
14:00	57	80	50	45
15:00	56	73	48	44
16:00	56	72	48	44
17:00	57	72	52	47
18:00	57	76	52	47
19:00	55	70	49	45
20:00	54	74	45	42
21:00	54	73	45	41
22:00	51	72	42	37
23:00	47	67	36	33
0:00	43	66	34	32
1:00	43	67	34	32
2:00	41	65	36	34
3:00	40	59	35	34
4:00	44	70	38	36
5:00	50	69	46	41
6:00	56	74	49	46
7:00	58	76	50	47
8:00	58	79	51	47
9:00	55	72	50	47

	Statistical Summary					
	Daytime (7 a.m. - 10 p.m.)			Nighttime (10 p.m. - 7 a.m.)		
	High	Low	Average	High	Low	Average
Leq (Average)	58.4	54.2	56.1	56.2	40.2	49.4
Lmax (Maximum)	80.4	69.0	73.7	73.8	59.1	67.7
L50 (Median)	52.1	44.7	49.0	48.7	33.8	38.8
L90 (Background)	47.4	41.4	45.2	46.0	31.8	36.1

Computed Ldn, dB	57.6
% Daytime Energy	89%
% Nighttime Energy	11%

Appendix B
 24hr Continuous Noise Monitoring - Site A
 Rancho Del Oro Estates
 June 10-11, 2008



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**FHWA-RD-77-108 Highway Traffic Noise Prediction Model
Data Input Sheet**

Project #: 2008-162 Rancho Del Oro Estates
 Description: Existing Traffic
 Ldn/CNEL: Ldn
 Hard/Soft: Soft

Segment	Roadway Name	Segment Description	ADT	Day %	Eve %	Night %	% Med. Trucks	% Hwy. Trucks	Speed	Distance	Offset (dB)
1	Olive Ranch Road	Cavitt-Stallman to Ramsgate	1,600	83		17	2	1	35	100	
2	Olive Ranch Road	Ramsgate to Barton	1,470	83		17	2	1	35	100	
3	Douglas Blvd.	West of Sierra College	40,910	83		17	2	1	45	100	
4	Douglas Blvd.	Sierra College to Cavitt-Stallman	40,250	83		17	2	1	55	100	
5	Douglas Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Seeno	32,360	83		17	2	1	55	100	
6	Douglas Blvd.	Seeno to Kingsgate	31,950	83		17	2	1	55	100	
7	Douglas Blvd.	Kingsgate to Barton	29,790	83		17	2	1	55	100	
8	Douglas Blvd.	East of Barton	28,560	83		17	2	1	50	100	
9	Sierra College Blvd.	North of Cavitt-Stallman	18,920	83		17	2	1	50	100	
10	Sierra College Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Douglas	17,550	83		17	2	1	45	100	
11	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Olive Ranch	1,320	83		17	2	1	40	100	
12	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Olive Ranch	2,820	83		17	2	1	40	100	
13	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Douglas	5,100	83		17	2	1	40	100	
14	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Douglas	2,930	83		17	2	1	40	100	
15	Ramsgate Drive	South of Olive Ranch	350	83		17	2	1	25	100	
16	Seeno Ave.	North of Douglas	1,390	83		17	2	1	25	100	
17	Kingsgate Drive	North of Douglas	970	83		17	2	1	25	100	
18	Barton Road	North of Olive Ranch	2,980	83		17	2	1	40	100	
19	Barton Road	Olive Ranch to Douglas	3,650	83		17	2	1	35	100	
20	Barton Road	South of Douglas	5,780	83		17	2	1	40	100	

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**FHWA-RD-77-108 Highway Traffic Noise Prediction Model
Predicted Levels**

Project #: 2008-162 Rancho Del Oro Estates
 Description: Existing Traffic
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Segment	Roadway Name	Segment Description	Autos	Medium Trucks	Heavy Trucks	Total
1	Olive Ranch Road	Cavitt-Stallman to Ramsgate	51	44	46	52.5
2	Olive Ranch Road	Ramsgate to Barton	50	43	45	52.1
3	Douglas Blvd.	West of Sierra College	68	59	61	69.2
4	Douglas Blvd.	Sierra College to Cavitt-Stallman	70	61	62	71.3
5	Douglas Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Seeno	69	60	61	70.3
6	Douglas Blvd.	Seeno to Kingsgate	69	60	61	70.3
7	Douglas Blvd.	Kingsgate to Barton	69	59	60	70.0
8	Douglas Blvd.	East of Barton	68	58	60	68.7
9	Sierra College Blvd.	North of Cavitt-Stallman	66	57	58	67.0
10	Sierra College Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Douglas	64	56	57	65.5
11	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Olive Ranch	52	44	45	53.0
12	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Olive Ranch	55	47	49	56.3
13	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Douglas	57	49	51	58.9
14	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Douglas	55	47	49	56.5
15	Ramsgate Drive	South of Olive Ranch	40	35	39	43.2
16	Seeno Ave.	North of Douglas	46	41	45	49.2
17	Kingsgate Drive	North of Douglas	44	39	44	47.7
18	Barton Road	North of Olive Ranch	55	47	49	56.5
19	Barton Road	Olive Ranch to Douglas	54	47	49	56.1
20	Barton Road	South of Douglas	58	50	52	59.4

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**FHWA-RD-77-108 Highway Traffic Noise Prediction Model
Noise Contour Output**

Project #: 2008-162 Rancho Del Oro Estates
 Description: Existing Traffic
 Ldn/CNEL: Ldn
 Hard/Soft: Soft

Segment	Roadway Name	Segment Description	75	70	65	60	55
1	Olive Ranch Road	Cavitt-Stallman to Ramsgate	3	7	15	32	68
2	Olive Ranch Road	Ramsgate to Barton	3	6	14	30	64
3	Douglas Blvd.	West of Sierra College	41	88	189	408	879
4	Douglas Blvd.	Sierra College to Cavitt-Stallman	57	122	262	565	1217
5	Douglas Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Seeno	49	105	227	489	1052
6	Douglas Blvd.	Seeno to Kingsgate	48	104	225	484	1044
7	Douglas Blvd.	Kingsgate to Barton	46	100	215	462	996
8	Douglas Blvd.	East of Barton	38	82	178	383	824
9	Sierra College Blvd.	North of Cavitt-Stallman	29	63	135	291	626
10	Sierra College Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Douglas	23	50	108	232	500
11	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Olive Ranch	3	7	16	34	74
12	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Olive Ranch	6	12	26	57	122
13	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Douglas	8	18	39	84	181
14	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Douglas	6	13	27	58	125
15	Ramsgate Drive	South of Olive Ranch	1	2	4	8	16
16	Seeno Ave.	North of Douglas	2	4	9	19	41
17	Kingsgate Drive	North of Douglas	2	3	7	15	32
18	Barton Road	North of Olive Ranch	6	13	27	59	127
19	Barton Road	Olive Ranch to Douglas	5	12	25	55	118
20	Barton Road	South of Douglas	9	20	42	92	197

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Project #: 2008-162 Rancho Del Oro Estates
 Description: Existing + Project Traffic
 Ldn/CNEL: Ldn
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Segment	Roadway Name	Segment Description	ADT	Day %	Eve %	Night %	% Med. Trucks	% Hvy. Trucks	Speed	Distance	Offset (dB)
1	Olive Ranch Road	Cavitt-Stallman to Ramsgate	2,020	83		17	2	1	35	100	
2	Olive Ranch Road	Ramsgate to Barton	1,790	83		17	2	1	35	100	
3	Douglas Blvd.	West of Sierra College	41,070	83		17	2	1	45	100	
4	Douglas Blvd.	Sierra College to Cavitt-Stallman	40,440	83		17	2	1	55	100	
5	Douglas Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Seeno	32,410	83		17	2	1	55	100	
6	Douglas Blvd.	Seeno to Kingsgate	32,060	83		17	2	1	55	100	
7	Douglas Blvd.	Kingsgate to Barton	29,960	83		17	2	1	55	100	
8	Douglas Blvd.	East of Barton	28,940	83		17	2	1	50	100	
9	Sierra College Blvd.	North of Cavitt-Stallman	19,060	83		17	2	1	50	100	
10	Sierra College Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Douglas	17,660	83		17	2	1	45	100	
11	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Olive Ranch	1,330	83		17	2	1	40	100	
12	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Olive Ranch	3,230	83		17	2	1	40	100	
13	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Douglas	5,250	83		17	2	1	40	100	
14	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Douglas	2,940	83		17	2	1	40	100	
15	Ramsgate Drive	South of Olive Ranch	540	83		17	2	1	25	100	
16	Seeno Ave.	North of Douglas	1,450	83		17	2	1	25	100	
17	Kingsgate Drive	North of Douglas	1,160	83		17	2	1	25	100	
18	Barton Road	North of Olive Ranch	3,000	83		17	2	1	40	100	
19	Barton Road	Olive Ranch to Douglas	3,950	83		17	2	1	35	100	
20	Barton Road	South of Douglas	5,870	83		17	2	1	40	100	

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Segment	Roadway Name	Segment Description	Autos	Medium Trucks	Heavy Trucks	Total
1	Olive Ranch Road	Cavitt-Stallman to Ramsgate	52	45	47	53.5
2	Olive Ranch Road	Ramsgate to Barton	51	44	46	53.0
3	Douglas Blvd.	West of Sierra College	68	59	61	69.2
4	Douglas Blvd.	Sierra College to Cavitt-Stallman	70	61	62	71.3
5	Douglas Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Seeno	69	60	61	70.3
6	Douglas Blvd.	Seeno to Kingsgate	69	60	61	70.3
7	Douglas Blvd.	Kingsgate to Barton	69	59	60	70.0
8	Douglas Blvd.	East of Barton	68	59	60	68.8
9	Sierra College Blvd.	North of Cavitt-Stallman	66	57	58	67.0
10	Sierra College Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Douglas	64	56	57	65.5
11	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Olive Ranch	52	44	45	53.0
12	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Olive Ranch	55	47	49	56.9
13	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Douglas	58	50	51	59.0
14	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Douglas	55	47	49	56.5
15	Ramsgate Drive	South of Olive Ranch	42	37	41	45.1
16	Seeno Ave.	North of Douglas	46	41	45	49.4
17	Kingsgate Drive	North of Douglas	45	40	44	48.5
18	Barton Road	North of Olive Ranch	55	47	49	56.6
19	Barton Road	Olive Ranch to Douglas	55	47	50	56.4
20	Barton Road	South of Douglas	58	50	52	59.5

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**FHWA-RD-77-108 Highway Traffic Noise Prediction Model
Noise Contour Output**

Project #: 2008-162 Rancho Del Oro Estates
 Description: Existing + Project Traffic
 Ldn/CNEL: Ldn
 Hard/Soft: Soft

Segment	Roadway Name	Segment Description	Distances to Traffic Noise Contours				
			75	70	65	60	55
1	Olive Ranch Road	Cavitt-Stallman to Ramsgate	4	8	17	37	79
2	Olive Ranch Road	Ramsgate to Barton	3	7	16	34	73
3	Douglas Blvd.	West of Sierra College	41	88	190	409	882
4	Douglas Blvd.	Sierra College to Cavitt-Stallman	57	122	263	567	1221
5	Douglas Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Seeno	49	105	227	489	1054
6	Douglas Blvd.	Seeno to Kingsgate	49	105	225	485	1046
7	Douglas Blvd.	Kingsgate to Barton	46	100	215	464	1000
8	Douglas Blvd.	East of Barton	39	83	179	386	831
9	Sierra College Blvd.	North of Cavitt-Stallman	29	63	136	292	629
10	Sierra College Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Douglas	23	50	108	233	502
11	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Olive Ranch	3	7	16	34	74
12	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Olive Ranch	6	13	29	62	134
13	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Douglas	9	18	40	86	185
14	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Douglas	6	13	27	58	126
15	Ramsgate Drive	South of Olive Ranch	1	2	5	10	22
16	Seeno Ave.	North of Douglas	2	4	9	20	42
17	Kingsgate Drive	North of Douglas	2	4	8	17	37
18	Barton Road	North of Olive Ranch	6	13	27	59	127
19	Barton Road	Olive Ranch to Douglas	6	12	27	58	124
20	Barton Road	South of Douglas	9	20	43	92	199

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Data Input Sheet**

Project #: 2008-162 Rancho Del Oro Estates
 Description: Cumulative (2025) Traffic
 Ldn/CNEL: Ldn
 Hard/Soft: Soft

Segment	Roadway Name	Segment Description	ADT	Day %	Eve %	Night %	% Med. Trucks	% Hvy. Trucks	Speed	Distance	Offset (dB)
1	Olive Ranch Road	Cavitt-Stallman to Ramsgate	2,640	83		17	2	1	35	100	
2	Olive Ranch Road	Ramsgate to Barton	2,570	83		17	2	1	35	100	
3	Douglas Blvd.	West of Sierra College	49,490	83		17	2	1	45	100	
4	Douglas Blvd.	Sierra College to Cavitt-Stallman	45,260	83		17	2	1	55	100	
5	Douglas Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Seeno	38,850	83		17	2	1	55	100	
6	Douglas Blvd.	Seeno to Kingsgate	38,480	83		17	2	1	55	100	
7	Douglas Blvd.	Kingsgate to Barton	34,840	83		17	2	1	55	100	
8	Douglas Blvd.	East of Barton	34,100	83		17	2	1	50	100	
9	Sierra College Blvd.	North of Cavitt-Stallman	34,820	83		17	2	1	50	100	
10	Sierra College Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Douglas	34,820	83		17	2	1	45	100	
11	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Olive Ranch	2,400	83		17	2	1	40	100	
12	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Olive Ranch	4,160	83		17	2	1	40	100	
13	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Douglas	5,660	83		17	2	1	40	100	
14	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Douglas	4,030	83		17	2	1	40	100	
15	Ramsgate Drive	South of Olive Ranch	550	83		17	2	1	25	100	
16	Seeno Ave.	North of Douglas	1,590	83		17	2	1	25	100	
17	Kingsgate Drive	North of Douglas	1,170	83		17	2	1	25	100	
18	Barton Road	North of Olive Ranch	7,370	83		17	2	1	40	100	
19	Barton Road	Olive Ranch to Douglas	8,200	83		17	2	1	35	100	
20	Barton Road	South of Douglas	9,080	83		17	2	1	40	100	

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Project #: 2008-162 Rancho Del Oro Estates
 Description: Cumulative (2025) Traffic
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 Hard/Soft: Soft

Segment	Roadway Name	Segment Description	Autos	Medium Trucks	Heavy Trucks	Total
1	Olive Ranch Road	Cavitt-Stallman to Ramsgate	53	46	48	54.7
2	Olive Ranch Road	Ramsgate to Barton	53	46	48	54.5
3	Douglas Blvd.	West of Sierra College	69	60	62	70.0
4	Douglas Blvd.	Sierra College to Cavitt-Stallman	71	61	62	71.8
5	Douglas Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Seeno	70	60	61	71.1
6	Douglas Blvd.	Seeno to Kingsgate	70	60	61	71.1
7	Douglas Blvd.	Kingsgate to Barton	70	60	61	70.7
8	Douglas Blvd.	East of Barton	68	59	60	69.5
9	Sierra College Blvd.	North of Cavitt-Stallman	69	59	61	69.6
10	Sierra College Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Douglas	67	59	60	68.5
11	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Olive Ranch	54	46	48	55.6
12	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Olive Ranch	57	49	50	58.0
13	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Douglas	58	50	52	59.3
14	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Douglas	56	48	50	57.9
15	Ramsgate Drive	South of Olive Ranch	42	37	41	45.2
16	Seeno Ave.	North of Douglas	46	41	46	49.8
17	Kingsgate Drive	North of Douglas	45	40	45	48.5
18	Barton Road	North of Olive Ranch	59	51	53	60.5
19	Barton Road	Olive Ranch to Douglas	58	51	53	59.6
20	Barton Road	South of Douglas	60	52	54	61.4

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**FHWA-RD-77-108 Highway Traffic Noise Prediction Model
Noise Contour Output**

Project #: 2008-162 Rancho Del Oro Estates
 Description: Cumulative (2025) Traffic
 Ldn/CNEL: Ldn
 Hard/Soft: Soft

Segment	Roadway Name	Segment Description	Distances to Traffic Noise Contours						
			75	70	65	60	55		
1	Olive Ranch Road	Cavitt-Stallman to Ramsgate	4	9	20	44	95		
2	Olive Ranch Road	Ramsgate to Barton	4	9	20	43	93		
3	Douglas Blvd.	West of Sierra College	46	100	215	463	999		
4	Douglas Blvd.	Sierra College to Cavitt-Stallman	61	132	284	611	1316		
5	Douglas Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Seeno	55	119	256	552	1189		
6	Douglas Blvd.	Seeno to Kingsgate	55	118	255	548	1181		
7	Douglas Blvd.	Kingsgate to Barton	51	111	238	513	1106		
8	Douglas Blvd.	East of Barton	43	93	200	431	928		
9	Sierra College Blvd.	North of Cavitt-Stallman	44	94	203	437	941		
10	Sierra College Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Douglas	37	79	170	367	790		
11	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Olive Ranch	5	11	24	51	110		
12	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Olive Ranch	7	16	34	74	158		
13	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Douglas	9	19	42	90	194		
14	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Douglas	7	16	33	72	155		
15	Ramsgate Drive	South of Olive Ranch	1	2	5	10	22		
16	Seeno Ave.	North of Douglas	2	5	10	21	45		
17	Kingsgate Drive	North of Douglas	2	4	8	17	37		
18	Barton Road	North of Olive Ranch	11	23	50	108	232		
19	Barton Road	Olive Ranch to Douglas	9	20	44	94	202		
20	Barton Road	South of Douglas	12	27	57	124	267		

Appendix C
FHWA-RD-77-108 Highway Traffic Noise Prediction Model
Data Input Sheet

Project #: 2008-162 Rancho Del Oro Estates
 Description: Cumulative (2025) + Project Traffic
 Ldn/CNEL: Ldn
 Hard/Soft: Soft

Segment	Roadway Name	Segment Description	ADT	Day %	Eve %	Night %	% Med. Trucks	% Hvy. Trucks	Speed	Distance	Offset (dB)
1	Olive Ranch Road	Cavitt-Stallman to Ramsgate	3,050	83		17	2	1	35	100	
2	Olive Ranch Road	Ramsgate to Barton	2,890	83		17	2	1	35	100	
3	Douglas Blvd.	West of Sierra College	49,730	83		17	2	1	45	100	
4	Douglas Blvd.	Sierra College to Cavitt-Stallman	45,550	83		17	2	1	55	100	
5	Douglas Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Seeno	38,900	83		17	2	1	55	100	
6	Douglas Blvd.	Seeno to Kingsgate	38,620	83		17	2	1	55	100	
7	Douglas Blvd.	Kingsgate to Barton	35,010	83		17	2	1	55	100	
8	Douglas Blvd.	East of Barton	34,470	83		17	2	1	50	100	
9	Sierra College Blvd.	North of Cavitt-Stallman	34,960	83		17	2	1	50	100	
10	Sierra College Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Douglas	34,930	83		17	2	1	45	100	
11	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Olive Ranch	2,410	83		17	2	1	40	100	
12	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Olive Ranch	4,560	83		17	2	1	40	100	
13	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Douglas	5,810	83		17	2	1	40	100	
14	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Douglas	4,040	83		17	2	1	40	100	
15	Ramsgate Drive	South of Olive Ranch	710	83		17	2	1	25	100	
16	Seeno Ave.	North of Douglas	1,680	83		17	2	1	25	100	
17	Kingsgate Drive	North of Douglas	1,320	83		17	2	1	25	100	
18	Barton Road	North of Olive Ranch	7,390	83		17	2	1	40	100	
19	Barton Road	Olive Ranch to Douglas	8,490	83		17	2	1	35	100	
20	Barton Road	South of Douglas	9,170	83		17	2	1	40	100	

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**FHWA-RD-77-108 Highway Traffic Noise Prediction Model
Predicted Levels**

Project #: 2008-162 Rancho Del Oro Estates
 Description: Cumulative (2025) + Project Traffic
 Ldn/CNEL: Ldn
 Hard/Soft: Soft

Segment	Roadway Name	Segment Description	Autos	Medium Trucks	Heavy Trucks	Total
1	Olive Ranch Road	Cavitt-Stallman to Ramsgate	54	46	49	55.3
2	Olive Ranch Road	Ramsgate to Barton	53	46	48	55.1
3	Douglas Blvd.	West of Sierra College	69	60	62	70.0
4	Douglas Blvd.	Sierra College to Cavitt-Stallman	71	61	62	71.8
5	Douglas Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Seeno	70	60	61	71.1
6	Douglas Blvd.	Seeno to Kingsgate	70	60	61	71.1
7	Douglas Blvd.	Kingsgate to Barton	70	60	61	70.7
8	Douglas Blvd.	East of Barton	68	59	60	69.6
9	Sierra College Blvd.	North of Cavitt-Stallman	69	59	61	69.6
10	Sierra College Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Douglas	67	59	60	68.5
11	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Olive Ranch	54	46	48	55.6
12	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Olive Ranch	57	49	51	58.4
13	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Douglas	58	50	52	59.4
14	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Douglas	56	48	50	57.9
15	Ramsgate Drive	South of Olive Ranch	43	38	42	46.3
16	Seeno Ave.	North of Douglas	47	41	46	50.1
17	Kingsgate Drive	North of Douglas	46	40	45	49.0
18	Barton Road	North of Olive Ranch	59	51	53	60.5
19	Barton Road	Olive Ranch to Douglas	58	51	53	59.7
20	Barton Road	South of Douglas	60	52	54	61.4

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**FHWA-RD-77-108 Highway Traffic Noise Prediction Model
Noise Contour Output**

Project #: 2008-162 Rancho Del Oro Estates
 Description: Cumulative (2025) + Project Traffic
 Ldn/CNEL: Ldn
 Hard/Soft: Soft

Segment	Roadway Name	Segment Description	Distances to Traffic Noise Contours						
			75	70	65	60	55		
1	Olive Ranch Road	Cavitt-Stallman to Ramsgate	5	10	23	49	55		
2	Olive Ranch Road	Ramsgate to Barton	5	10	22	47	101		
3	Douglas Blvd.	West of Sierra College	46	100	216	465	1002		
4	Douglas Blvd.	Sierra College to Cavitt-Stallman	61	132	285	614	1322		
5	Douglas Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Seeno	55	119	256	552	1190		
6	Douglas Blvd.	Seeno to Kingsgate	55	118	255	550	1184		
7	Douglas Blvd.	Kingsgate to Barton	51	111	239	515	1109		
8	Douglas Blvd.	East of Barton	43	93	201	434	934		
9	Sierra College Blvd.	North of Cavitt-Stallman	44	94	203	438	943		
10	Sierra College Blvd.	Cavitt-Stallman to Douglas	37	79	171	367	792		
11	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Olive Ranch	5	11	24	51	110		
12	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Olive Ranch	8	17	36	78	168		
13	Cavitt-Stallman Road	North of Douglas	9	20	43	92	198		
14	Cavitt-Stallman Road	South of Douglas	7	16	33	72	155		
15	Ramsgate Drive	South of Olive Ranch	1	3	6	12	26		
16	Seeno Ave.	North of Douglas	2	5	10	22	47		
17	Kingsgate Drive	North of Douglas	2	4	9	19	40		
18	Barton Road	North of Olive Ranch	11	23	50	108	232		
19	Barton Road	Olive Ranch to Douglas	10	21	45	96	207		
20	Barton Road	South of Douglas	12	27	58	125	268		

Appendix D
 FHWA Traffic Noise Prediction Model (FHWA-RD-77-108)
 Noise Prediction Worksheet

Project Information:

Job Number: 2008-162
 Project Name: Rancho Del Oro Estates
 Roadway Name: Olive Ranch Road

Traffic Data:

Year: 2030
 Average Daily Traffic Volume: 3,367
 Percent Daytime Traffic: 83
 Percent Nighttime Traffic: 17
 Percent Medium Trucks (2 axle): 2
 Percent Heavy Trucks (3+ axle): 1
 Assumed Vehicle Speed (mph): 35
 Intervening Ground Type (hard/soft): Soft

Traffic Noise Levels:

Location:	Description	Distance	Offset (dB)	-----L _{dn} , dB-----			Total
				Autos	Medium Trucks	Heavy Trucks	
1	Property Lines, Lots 23-34	75	0	56	49	51	58

Traffic Noise Contours (No Calibration Offset):

L _{dn} Contour, dB	Distance from Centerline, (ft)
75	5
70	11
65	24
60	52

Notes: