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BACKGROUND

Area Research Associates has evaluated the optimum square footage of supermarket space in Truckee that can be profitably supported by trade area residents and visitors as well as assessed potential impacts on local supermarkets from the proposed opening of three new supermarkets in town, including the potential for store closings.

There are currently three major supermarkets that directly serve the trade area and all are healthy businesses operating at varying levels of profitability. The three proposed new supermarkets include:

- a recently approved 35,000 square foot Nugget (conventional supermarket with a quality/service orientation) to be located within the planned Railyard development east of the intersection of Donner Pass Rd & the planned Church Street Extension
- a proposed 40,000 square foot Raley's (conventional supermarket with a quality/service orientation) to be located at the southeast corner of Hwy 287 & Soaring Way
- a proposed 17,579 square foot specialty grocer (supermarket offering a smaller assortment of private label or non-mainstream brands) to be located at the southwest corner of Donner Pass Rd & Vista Ave

In order to assess the likelihood of store closings from the opening of three proposed supermarkets in Truckee, the present study utilized a multi-step process that began with conducting a detailed inventory of major existing and proposed stores that could reasonably be affected by the project. In particular, by gathering size and sales data for these stores, we were able to measure their likely current profitability against standard benchmarks. We then made use of an industry-standard gravity model to project how each store's sales would be affected by the proposed new projects. Sales impacts from the new market entries were not distributed uniformly across local stores but depended on each facility's distance from the site, type of operation, individual appeal and competitive offering. Using those results, we were then able to examine the resulting profitability level of each store in the trade area after the additional new projects opened and make an assessment of its viability for remaining in operation. Specific details on this methodology can be found on page 3.

CONCLUSIONS

Based upon our projected sales distribution following the opening of three new supermarkets in Truckee, and our knowledge of the sales levels necessary to maintain profitable operations, we project that three of the six future supermarkets in Truckee - Save Mart 627, New Moon Natural Foods & Raleys - will operate at sales levels that are below typical break-even profitability (see detailed store-level projections on page 8). Our assessment of these three unprofitable stores is as follows:

- <u>Save Mart will close</u> This unit anchors the Crossroads shopping center, a 100,000 square foot neighborhood shopping center located on Hwy 89 a short distance south of I-80. The store is currently operating profitably. After opening of the 3 proposed new supermarkets, it is projected to experience a cumulative impact that would reduce its profitability to 33% below break-even threshold. Population growth will do little to help this unit since it would be operating at 32% below break-even by 2021, certainly not providing enough incentive for it to continue operation.
- New Moon Natural Foods will close This store is a cotenant in the Donner Plaza shopping center, a strip center containing approximately 30,000 square feet of largely small shops and offices. New Moon is currently operating profitably. The proposed opening of all 3 proposed supermarkets will drop profitability at this unit to 27% below break-even levels. Population growth over the next 4 years will only minimally improve this impact, and because this store is an independent operator it will not have the sustainability of a large, chain supermarket.
- Raley's will probably continue to operate at sales levels below optimal standards
 Given the significant
 capital investment made by Raley's, it is unlikely that this store will close even if it operates at a loss.
 Moreover, this is a large chain that can carry unprofitable stores based on the strength of the corporate
 operations.

Based upon the current supermarket sales being generated in the trade area, we estimate that one additional supermarket can be supported in the existing Truckee market without triggering the possibility of store closures.

It is possible that some of the new market entries are committed to their project under the assumption that other proposed projects would back out. If this were <u>not</u> the case with all the new entries, the likelihood of multiple store closings increases as well as the possibility that urban decay could result.

It should be noted that the present study has not attempted to quantify the additional effect that online shopping is expected to have on existing supermarket sales in the trade area. Most supermarket chains expect increasing sales encroachment on their brick & mortar operations from this phenomenon in the near future. This shift in retail trade will put further pressure on supermarket profitability and add to any loss of sales that comes with the opening of other traditional competitors, thus increasing the likelihood of store closings.

METHODOLOGY FOR ASSESSING LIKELIHOOD OF STORE CLOSINGS

<u>Sales Impacts</u> To assess how the project would impact sales at area supermarkets, we made use of the SITESPLUS© gravity model. This is the standard approach for projecting sales in the supermarket industry and required that we first gather population and spending data at the neighborhood level and conduct a detailed review of operating conditions at all existing major supermarket competitors. The resulting data was then imported into the gravity model to create a market simulation of the area reflecting where each store is drawing business from. This method (see pages 11-14) not only enables predictions of future sales at a given site but provides detailed information on how sales will be redistributed at individual existing and future competitors, depending on their operating performance, store type and relative proximity to the site.

Sales at supermarkets in Truckee vary considerably throughout the year as a result of the large influx into the Lake Tahoe area. Our market simulation model is based on store sales during the slack period - the slowest retail period of the year when tourist sales are at a minimum and the bulk of store sales are generated from full time residents. This period is normally in late Fall before the beginning of ski season and in Spring after the end of the season. Based on our analysis of seasonal sales swings, average year round sales at supermarkets in the trade area are 45% higher than during the slack period.

Our projections of sales for Nugget and Raley's rely on specific knowledge of their chain performance in various markets throughout California. No particular specialty grocer has been named at this point so the range of possible stores for this proposal could include operators such as Trader Joe's, Sprouts, Grocery Outlet or Aldi's. Our analysis of store data on sales and square footage of these operators found a range of average sales per square foot between \$411 to \$1,938. For the purposes of the present analysis then, we have taken the mid-range level of operating efficiency of these operators and assumed that for the proposed specialty supermarket.

Profitability Assessment

According to updated data from by Statista¹, sales of \$490 per square foot represent an average level of operating efficiency for a supermarket in California. However, this figure alone is insufficient to assess profitability of a given store, particularly in an industry where profit margins typically represent only 1% - 2% of total sales, leaving stores vulnerable to even small changes in operating performance. Furthermore, profitability is highly dependent on store type. Conventional supermarkets such as Save Mart and Safeway have higher pay scales, greater service offerings and expanded product selection, all of which are offset by higher profit margins. In contrast, limited assortment formats buy excess inventory from suppliers at reduced costs, pay lower wages than union stores and utilize a minimal staff to service their operation. Stores that emphasize quality and service typically have even higher levels of labor than standard conventional stores. Finally, newer stores typically must pay higher costs for real estate than stores that have been established in their market for years on long term leases.

We have previously had access to proprietary operating information at several major California supermarket chains for studies to specifically analyze the threshold at which stores are able to maintain profitability. Through this work, we have compared different types of stores in order to identify average levels of operating efficiency and specific break-even points that separate profit and loss. These figures are all expressed in sales per square foot, where the average profitability of all supermarket formats is approximately \$490 per square foot. In contrast to this average profitability figure, the break-even threshold between profit and loss for a conventional store is approximately \$370/square foot, or about 25% below the average sales per square foot.

It should be noted that a break-even level does not mean that a store will always close if the sales per square foot fall below this threshold. In fact, because these are averages, stores do occasionally continue to

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¹ Statista, 2016. Updated using 2017 Bureau of Labor CPI data

METHODOLOGY FOR ASSESSING LIKELIHOOD OF STORE CLOSINGS

operate below these levels depending upon a host of other factors such as occupancy costs, lease terms, overhead costs, store specific labor and profit margins and long term growth prospects. Furthermore, a supermarket chain might leave a store open that by itself is losing a small amount of money if it still contributes to other aspects of the chain's larger operation, such as participation in advertising or placement of its private label products. Nevertheless, our data indicates that the more that sales drop below a store's break-even threshold, the greater likelihood there is that it will close. For a number of reasons, this typically does not happen immediately; for example, if a store were subject to a continued operation clause for the remainder of its lease term. Nevertheless, once a retailer has passed deep into unprofitability, it is generally only a matter of time before they are forced to close.

Through a combination of field methods, including discussions with store employees, we assessed the annual sales volume and facility size of each of the 3 existing supermarket competitors in the trade area and thus were able to gauge current operating efficiency as expressed in sales per square foot. This information was compared to industry benchmarks in order to determine the likely current profitability of individual supermarkets and to identify specific units that might be at risk from the proposed new supermarket entries in Truckee. We then utilized the gravity model to project how sales at area supermarkets would be redistributed if this store were to open. The resulting projected sales figures were used to determine new levels of operating efficiency for all stores after project opening, enabling us to measure their expected viability and assess the likelihood of any store closures.

STUDY ASSUMPTIONS

Population Growth & Major Changes to Road Network

- 1. Over the forecast period, the full-time resident population in the trade area will increase at an average annual rate of 0.8% as outlined in the table on page 9 of this report. This is somewhat faster than historical growth over the past decade. Overall growth rates within the primary trade area are based on forecasts and information provided by local and regional planning officials and are apportioned to the map sector level on the basis of specific planned and approved projects.
- 2. Pioneer Trail will be extended west as a minor arterial to connect with Northwoods Boulevard in the vicinity of Lausanne Way.
- 3. Bridge Street will be extended northwest from the downtown area as a minor arterial to connect with the planned new Pioneer Trail extension.

Facility Features

- 4. The planned Nugget supermarket will contain 35,000 total square feet. Specialty departments at this unit will include bakery, deli, floral, service meat & seafood, a prepared foods kitchen, salad bar, vitamins & supplements and a coffee/juice bar. The product offering will feature an assortment of both conventional and organic items.
- 5. The proposed Raley's supermarket will contain 40,000 total square feet. Specialty departments at this unit will include a pharmacy, service meat & seafood, bakery, deli, floral, salad bar and a prepared foods cafe. The product offering will feature an assortment of both conventional and organic items.
- 6. The proposed specialty grocer will contain 17,579 total square feet. It will offer a more narrow assortment of supermarket items than found in conventional stores, emphasizing lower prices on largely private label products. The store would have no specialty departments.

IMPACT ON AREA SUPERMARKETS

Existing Market Conditions Table 1 indicates key operating characteristics of the 3 existing major supermarket operations in the Truckee primary trade area.

Table 1:	Existing	Supermarkets in	Truckee	Trade Area
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		Current 2017 Marketplace									
Name	Location	Average Annual Sales	Square Feet	Sales per s.f.	Store Type	Break Even Threshold	+/- Break Even				
Save Mart 627	SWC Hwy 89 & Deerfield	\$ 16,000,000	30,300	\$528	Conventional	\$370	43%				
Safeway 1266	NEC Hwy 89 & Donner Pass	\$ 48,000,000	40,300	\$1,191	Conventional	\$370	222%				
New Moon	SWC Hwy 89 & Donner Pass	\$ 4,000,000	7,500	\$533	Natural	\$400	33%				
Nugget	SEC Church & Donner Pass	\$ -	Closed	\$0	Conventional	\$450	-				
Raley's	SEC Hwy 267 & Soaring	\$ -	Closed	\$0	Conventional	\$450	-				
Specialty Super	SWC Donner Pass & Vista	\$ -	Closed	<u>\$0</u>	Specialty	\$600	-				
	Total -	\$ 68,000,000	78,100	-							
	Average -	\$ 22,666,666	26,033	\$871							

Discussions with store personnel and a review of the resulting inventory of data shown above indicates that all existing trade area supermarkets are currently operating at healthy levels of profitability. These facilities have a combined total of 78,000 square feet.

IMPACT ON AREA SUPERMARKETS

<u>Nugget Opens in Railyard Development</u> Table 2 indicates sales impacts projected by the SITESPLUS model on existing supermarkets after currently approved market changes.

		Projected 2017 Marketplace									
Name	Location	Average Annual Sales	Square Feet	Sales per s.f.	Store Type	Break Even Threshold	+/- Break Even				
Save Mart 627	SWC Hwy 89 & Deerfield	\$ 10,816,626	30,300	\$357	Conventional	\$370	-4%				
Safeway 1266	NEC Hwy 89 & Donner Pass	\$ 31,353,442	40,300	\$778	Conventional	\$370	110%				
New Moon	SWC Hwy 89 & Donner Pass	\$ 3,056,400	7,500	\$408	Natural	\$400	2%				
Nugget	SEC Church & Donner Pass	\$ 29,120,862	35,000	\$832	Conventional	\$450	85%				
Raley's	SEC Hwy 267 & Soaring	\$ -	Closed	\$0	Conventional	\$450	-				
Specialty Super	SWC Donner Pass & Vista	\$ -	Closed	<u>\$0</u>	Ltd Assort.	\$300	-				
	Total -	\$ 74,347,330	113,100	-							
	Average -	\$ 18,586,832	28,275	\$657							

Even before the two additional proposed supermarkets open in Truckee, supermarkets in the trade area will experience a significant drop in operating profitability as a result of the opening of Nugget. This change will increase the total supermarket square footage in Truckee over current levels by 45%. Projected sales cannibalization will place Save Mart slightly below the break even range of profitability with New Moon slightly above this level. Both Nugget and Safeway are expected to operate very profitably in this initial scenario.

IMPACT ON AREA SUPERMARKETS

<u>Nugget Opens in Railyard Development / Raley's & Specialty Grocer Open</u>
Table 3 indicates sales impacts projected by the SITESPLUS model on existing supermarkets from currently approved market changes plus the opening of both proposed new supermarkets.

Table 3: Projected Supermarket Sales after Nugget, Raley's & Grocery Outlet Oper	Table 3: Projected Su	permarket Sales afte	r Nugget, Ralev's	& Grocer	v Outlet Open
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		Projected 2017 Marketplace								
Name	Location	Α	Average nnual Sales	Square Feet	Sales per s.f.	Store Type	Break Even Threshold	+/- Break Even		
Save Mart 627	SWC Hwy 89 & Deerfield	\$	7,515,350	30,300	\$248	Conventional	\$370	-33%		
Safeway 1266	NEC Hwy 89 & Donner Pass	\$	21,272,900	40,300	\$528	Conventional	\$370	43%		
New Moon	SWC Hwy 89 & Donner Pass	\$	2,200,724	7,500	\$293	Natural	\$400	-27%		
Nugget	SEC Church & Donner Pass	\$	20,626,855	35,000	\$589	Conventional	\$450	31%		
Raley's	SEC Hwy 267 & Soaring	\$	15,132,242	40,000	\$378	Conventional	\$450	-16%		
Specialty Super	SWC Donner Pass & Vista	\$	13,417,668	<u>17,579</u>	<u>\$763</u>	Ltd Assort.	\$600	27%		
	Total -	\$	80,165,740	170,679	-					
	Average -	\$	13,360,957	28,447	\$470					

The addition of three new supermarkets in Truckee will more than double the total supermarket square footage in town compared to current levels. As a result of these developments, all existing supermarkets in the trade area will experience a significant drop in operating profitability. Two of the existing stores will be pushed below break-even levels - one to 33% below break-even and another to 27% below break-even.

After projecting how future growth might mitigate the impact of this opening (see Table 5 on page 10), we found that impacted store sales (in constant 2017 dollars) would only increase by about 3% by 2021. Thus, there would be insufficient future potential in the trade area for either Save Mart or New Moon to justify weathering an extended period of losses.

TRADE AREA DEMAND TRENDS

Future population growth can benefit supermarkets that have lost sales volume to new competitors by increasing the supply of available customers. The rate of this growth will help a retailer determine the time frame they may require before a return to earlier levels of profitability. In order to gauge population trends, we first gathered historical data on population growth to put current growth into a larger context. Table 4 summarizes population levels from 2000 to 2021 within the town of Truckee and in the surrounding unincorporated areas that comprise the remainder of the trade area. This information was used to provide a trade area level population forecast for the next four years. The population totals were then apportioned down to individual map sectors based on known development activity and availability of land designated for long term residential development.

Table 4: Historical & Projected Population Growth in Trade Area

	Year		Town of Truckee Portion	Unincorporated Portion		Total Trade Area	Change from Previous Period	Avg. Annual Growth
	2010	-	16,137	1,200	_	17,337	-	-
	2011	-	16,013	1,196	-	17,209	(128)	-0.7%
	2012	-	15,785	1,192	-	16,977	(232)	-1.3%
ACTUAL	2013	-	15,545	1,188	-	16,733	(244)	-1.4%
AC	2014	-	15,528	1,184	-	16,712	(21)	-0.1%
	2015	-	15,581	1,180	-	16,761	49	0.3%
	2016	-	15,736	1,176	-	16,912	151	0.9%
	2017	-	15,861	1,172	-	17,033	121	0.7%
	2018	-	15,984	1,172	-	17,156	123	0.7%
CTED	2019	-	16,160	1,173	-	17,333	177	1.0%
PROJECTED	2020	-	16,315	1,173	-	17,488	155	0.9%
Ф	2021	-	16,479	1,174	-	17,653	165	0.9%

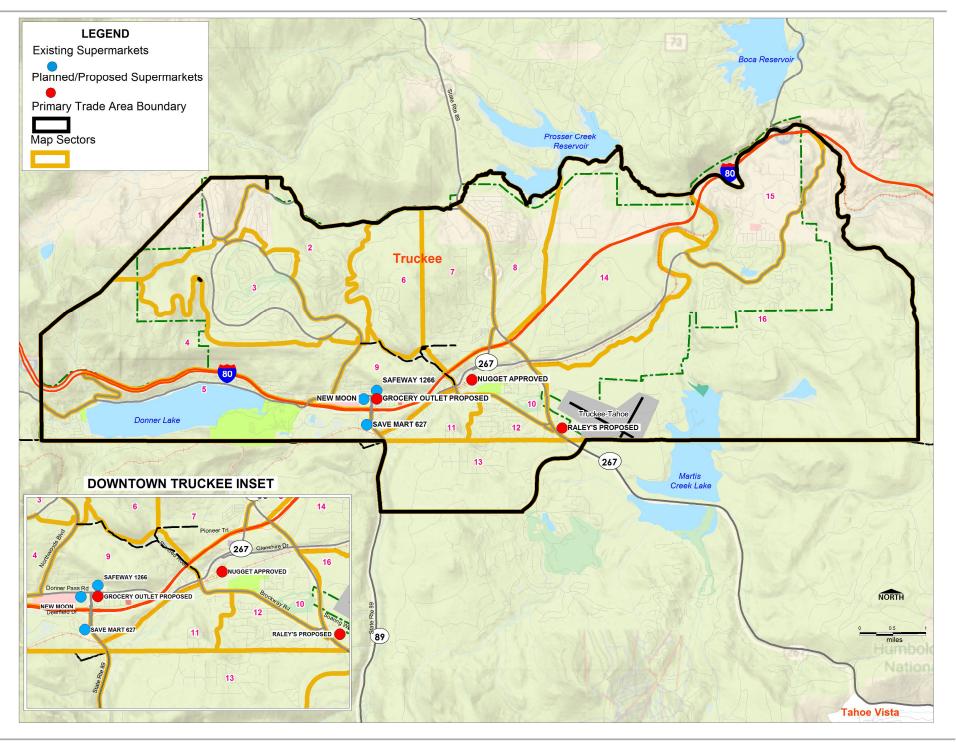
PROJECTED GROWTH IN FUTURE POTENTIAL

Table 5 uses a combination of market shares after store openings and population increase at the map sector level to project how area supermarket sales will grow in future years of the forecast period.

Table 5 - Projected Sales Growth Based on Map Sector Market Shares
Supermarkets in Truckee Trade Area

		December 20		December 20	19		December 2021			
Store	Total	Projected	Sales		Projected	Sales		Projected	Sales	
Name	Area	Annual Sales	/SqFt		Annual Sales	/SqFt		Annual Sales	/SqFt	
Save Mart 627	30,300	\$ 7,515,350	248	\$	7,594,480	251	\$	7,675,480	253	
Safeway 1266	40,300	\$ 21,272,900	528	\$	21,468,640	533	\$	21,681,081	538	
New Moon	7,500	\$ 2,200,724	293	\$	2,221,813	296	\$	2,243,971	299	
Nugget	35,000	\$ 20,626,855	589	\$	20,916,374	598	\$	21,257,189	607	
Raley's	40,000	\$ 15,132,242	378	\$	15,460,981	387	\$	15,851,822	396	
Specialty Super	<u>17,579</u>	\$ 13,417,668	<u>763</u>	<u>\$</u>	13,559,091	<u>771</u>	<u>\$</u>	13,708,953	<u>780</u>	
Totals	170,679	\$ 80,165,740		\$	81,221,379		\$	82,418,495		
Averages	28,447	\$ 13,360,957	470	\$	13,536,897	476	\$	13,736,416	483	

Despite some modest improvement in profitability as a result of projected population increase within the trade area, both Save Mart & New Moon still remain well below normal profitability range through the end of the extended forecast period. The proposed Raley's would still be about 12% below the break-even threshold by 2021 so might possibly decide to continue operation until they reach more profitable levels.



FORECAST MODELING DATA

The trade area for the SITESPLUS market simulation includes the entire town of Truckee and adjacent developed portions of unincorporated Placer and Nevada counties surrounding the town on all sides. Mountainous terrain and sparse population limit the trade area boundaries on all sides. Sales at supermarkets in Truckee vary considerably throughout the year as a result of a large influx of tourists that changes continually along with the seasonal attractions of the greater Lake Tahoe area. Based on the varying levels of this sales fluctuation, we estimate that tourists account for an additional 45% of total annual supermarket sales beyond the portion of business that is derived from local residents.

The trade area is subdivided into 16 population map sectors – small area neighborhoods where residents have roughly similar shopping alternatives. For each of the map sectors, current and future populations were determined and annual per capita supermarket expenditures were calculated using tables derived from Bureau of Labor Consumer Expenditure Survey and U.S. Census demographic data. This data was then entered into the SITESPLUS system to represent the "demand" side of the market simulation as indicated in Table 6 below.

Table 6: Population & Supermarket Expenditure by Map Sector	
Truckee Supermarket Trade Area	

2016 Median	Average	Annual Per Capita Supermarket	2017 Don	2040 Dan	2024 Dan
		•	•	•	2021 Pop
\$76,885	2.4	3,047	415	421	422
\$69,077	2.3	2,993	742	709	701
\$93,721	2.2	3,216	1,413	1,373	1,363
\$76,885	2.4	3,047	610	606	605
\$56,672	2.2	2,896	1,050	1,077	1,082
\$52,235	2.4	2,848	506	536	541
\$52,235	2.4	2,848	777	809	815
\$97,270	2.6	3,057	1,440	1,481	1,488
\$47,063	2.7	2,693	1,006	1,014	1,015
\$67,358	2.8	2,774	1,123	1,168	1,425
\$62,547	2.7	2,794	803	839	846
\$65,890	2.8	2,802	1,784	1,826	1,834
\$98,199	2.6	3,082	968	1,005	1,012
\$128,864	2.5	3,115	648	688	696
\$82,281	2.8	2,896	1,798	1,764	1,756
<u>\$88,166</u>	<u>2.6</u>	<u>3,042</u>	<u>2,000</u>	2,017	<u>2,022</u>
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To create the "supply" side of the simulation, supermarket sales volumes, sizes, store types and location data were also entered into the SITESPLUS software. The combination of data layers enabled us to calculate likely market shares for every store in the model, each of which is "balanced" against sales volumes and populations to ensure an accurate real-world simulation. Once the model was balanced, new market entries could be added to determine how market shares and sales would be re-distributed among all stores within the trade area. Table 7 below indicates SITESPLUS-derived existing market conditions.

In order to match residential demand with store sales derived primarily from this population only, our model is built initially on slack period sales. An additional 45% is added on top of these slack period figures to account for the extra sales generated by tourist influx into the trade area.

Table 7 - Current Marketplace

Store Name	Total Area	P	Current 2017 Slack Period* Annualized Sales	ļ	Projected 2017 Slack Period* Annualized Sales	ales SqFt	Draw	Image	PTA Cha	ange %
Save Mart 627	30,300	\$	11,034,504	\$	11,034,504	\$ 364	90	81	0	0.0
Safeway 1266	40,300	\$	33,103,460	\$	33,103,460	\$ 821	90	129	0	0.0
New Moon	7,500	\$	2,758,600	\$	2,758,600	\$ 368	90	92	0	0.0
Nugget	Closed	\$		\$		\$ -	90	135	0	0.0
Raley's	Closed	\$		\$		\$ -	80	125	0	0.0
Specialty Super	Closed	\$		\$		\$ 	<u>85</u>	<u>150</u>	0	0.0
Totals	78,100	\$	46,896,564	\$	46,896,564					
Averages	26,033	\$	15,632,188	\$	15,632,188	\$ 600		100		

^{*} Average year-round sales are 45% higher than slack period sales shown above

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Table 8 indicates SITESPLUS-derived market shares for each of the current supermarkets in the trade area.

Table 8 - Current Marketplace Market Share by Map Sector for Existing Supermarkets

Map Sector	Save Mart 627	Safeway 1266	New Moon	Nugget	Raley's	Specialty Super
1	17.9	58.3	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	18.6	57.9	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	19.0	57.3	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	20.2	55.9	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
5	19.7	56.3	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
6	18.4	58.2	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
7	17.3	59.4	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
8	16.9	59.8	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
9	19.5	57.3	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
10	21.7	54.7	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
11	23.2	53.2	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
12	22.7	53.7	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
13	23.5	52.9	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
14	16.8	60.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
15	16.3	60.5	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
16	<u>16.4</u>	<u>60.3</u>	<u>4.6</u>	0.0	0.0	0.0
Totals	19.1	57.4	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Table 8 indicates SITESPLUS-derived market conditions after Nugget opens.

Table 9 - Projected Marketplace After Approved Market Changes Nugget Opens

			Current 2017	Projected 2017							
Store	Total	Slack Period*		Slack Period*		Sales				PTA Change	
Name	Area	Annualized Sales		Annualized Sales		/SqFt		Draw	Image	Dollars	%
Save Mart 627	30,300	\$	11,034,504	\$	7,459,742	\$	246	90	81	-3,574,762	-32.4
Safeway 1266	40,300	\$	33,103,460	\$	21,623,063	\$	537	90	129	-11,480,397	-34.7
New Moon	7,500	\$	2,758,600	\$	2,107,862	\$	281	90	92	-650,738	-23.6
Nugget	35,000	\$	-	\$	20,083,353	\$	-	90	135	20,083,353	N.A.
Raley's	Closed	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	80	125	0	N.A.
Specialty Super	Closed	\$	_	\$	_	\$		85	150	0	N.A.
Totals	113,100	\$	46,896,564	\$	51,274,021						
Averages	28,275	\$	7,816,094	\$	8,545,670	\$	453		100		

Average year-round sales are 45% higher than slack period sales shown above

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Table 10 indicates SITESPLUS-derived market shares for area stores after Nugget opens.

Table 10 - Projected Marketplace Market Share by Map Sector for Existing & Approved Supermarkets

Map Sector	Save Mart 627	Safeway 1266	New Moon	Nugget	Raley's	Grocery Outlet
1	14.5	46.7	4.5	20.1	0.0	0.0
2	14.6	44.8	4.2	22.3	0.0	0.0
3	15.7	47.0	4.5	18.6	0.0	0.0
4	17.2	47.2	4.8	16.6	0.0	0.0
5	16.9	48.0	4.9	16.0	0.0	0.0
6	13.9	43.0	3.9	25.0	0.0	0.0
7	10.0	30.3	2.9	42.5	0.0	0.0
8	9.7	30.3	2.9	42.8	0.0	0.0
9	16.0	46.4	4.0	19.3	0.0	0.0
10	10.6	28.6	2.9	43.6	0.0	0.0
11	14.8	32.9	3.6	34.5	0.0	0.0
12	12.0	27.5	3.2	43.0	0.0	0.0
13	14.4	31.3	3.5	36.5	0.0	0.0
14	9.3	29.3	2.8	44.3	0.0	0.0
15	8.3	29.4	2.8	45.2	0.0	0.0
16	<u>8.3</u>	<u>29.0</u>	<u>2.8</u>	<u>45.5</u>	0.0	0.0
Totals	12.2	35.2	3.5	34.8	0.0	0.0

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Table 11 indicates SITESPLUS-derived market conditions after Nugget, Raley's and a specialty grocer open.

Table 11 - Projected Marketplace Nugget, Raley's & Grocery Outlet Open

			Current 2017	Projected 2017							
Store	Total	Slack Period*		Slack Period*		Sales				PTA Change	
Name	Area	Annualized Sales		Annualized Sales		/SqFt		Draw	Image	Dollars	%
Save Mart 627	30,300	\$	11,034,504	\$	5,183,000	\$	171	90	81	-5,851,504	-53.0
Safeway 1266	40,300	\$	33,103,460	\$	14,670,965	\$	364	90	129	-18,432,495	-55.7
New Moon	7,500	\$	2,758,600	\$	1,517,741	\$	202	90	92	-1,240,859	-45.0
Nugget	35,000	\$	-	\$	14,225,417	\$	406	90	135	14,225,417	N.A.
Raley's	40,000	\$	-	\$	10,436,029	\$	261	80	125	10,436,029	N.A.
Specialty Super	17,579	\$	_	\$	9,253,564	\$	<u>526</u>	85	150	9,253,564	N.A.
Totals	170,679	\$	46,896,564	\$	55,286,717						
Averages	28,447	\$	7,816,094	\$	9,214,453	\$	324		100		

Average year-round sales are 45% higher than slack period sales shown above

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Table 12 indicates SITESPLUS-derived market shares for all existing, planned and proposed supermarkets.

Table 12 - Projected Marketplace

Market Share by Map Sector for Approved & Proposed Supermarkets

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Map Sector	Save Mart 627	Safeway 1266	New Moon	Nugget	Raley's	Specialty Super
1	11.0	33.7	3.7	14.8	5.6	21.2
2	11.1	32.7	3.5	16.5	7.1	19.1
3	12.0	34.2	3.7	13.8	5.6	20.6
4	13.1	34.3	3.9	12.3	5.7	20.6
5	12.7	34.4	4.0	11.6	5.1	22.1
6	10.6	31.3	3.2	18.5	8.5	17.8
7	6.7	20.1	1.9	28.7	20.1	12.5
8	6.5	20.0	1.9	28.9	19.9	12.8
9	12.3	34.2	3.3	14.4	6.9	18.7
10	6.6	17.7	1.8	27.5	25.5	10.7
11	10.5	22.7	2.6	24.3	15.9	13.9
12	6.9	15.4	1.9	24.7	31.3	9.8
13	9.2	19.4	2.3	23.1	23.7	12.3
14	6.2	19.5	1.9	30.1	19.8	12.6
15	6.0	21.2	2.0	33.3	12.2	15.3
16	<u>5.4</u>	<u>18.5</u>	<u>1.8</u>	<u>29.7</u>	<u>21.2</u>	<u>13.4</u>
Totals	8.5	24.0	2.5	23.5	16.2	15.2

ABOUT AREA RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

Area Research Associates (ARA) was established in 1992 and provides site location expertise to the supermarket and other convenience-oriented industries. Tom Brennan, a partner at ARA since 1996, has been involved in the field of site location research since 1977, when he began work for A & P in New Jersey. Since that time, he has worked as a consultant to a number of national and international companies requiring services in facility sales forecasting, site selection, market strategy, consumer research and software development.

From 1980 to 1989, Tom worked as a consultant to Smith's Food & Drug of Salt Lake City and was responsible for identifying new opportunities for store development in major market areas of Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada. During that time, he also conducted extensive studies in consumer attitudes and shopping behavior in order to refine techniques in store location research. Assignments in the Middle East in the early 1980's led to the development of the first major Western-style supermarket in the Sultanate of Oman as well as new supermarket facilities in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

While working as a consultant with Retail Systems, Inc. in Minneapolis, Tom headed their Los Angeles office with primary responsibility for servicing retail and convenience-oriented clients in the western part of the United States. He has directed site location research for the northwestern division of Safeway, Inc. and has conducted market studies for all their remaining divisions. In addition to working with many major supermarket, retail, medical and convenience-oriented chains across the United States, Tom's clients have included numerous real estate developers and REITs.

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