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### **Re: Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort + Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)**

Dear Ryan Heacock:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort Project. We are committed to ensuring that impacts to the State's multimodal transportation system and to our natural environment are identified and mitigated to support a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system. The following comments are based on our review of the June 2021 DEIR.

#### **Project Understanding**

The project proposes to implement a Fish and Habitat Restoration Plan to improve fish passage and enhance fish habitat within the Stevens Creek and Guadalupe River watersheds. These watersheds are located in Santa Clara County and run under and parallel to various highways including State Route (SR)-85, US-101, SR-87, SR-9, and I-280.

#### **Hydrology**

Any impacts to the State drainage system due to fish passage modifications on existing culverts and bridges must be evaluated and mitigated appropriately.

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### **Project-Related Impacts**

Potential impacts to the State Right-of-Way (ROW) from project-related temporary access points should be analyzed. Mitigation for significant impacts due to construction and noise should be identified. Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, visit:

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/transportation-permits>. Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the STN.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Llisel Ayon at [Llisel.Ayon@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Llisel.Ayon@dot.ca.gov). Additionally, for future notifications and requests for review of new projects, please email [LDIGR-D4@dot.ca.gov](mailto:LDIGR-D4@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Leong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

MARK LEONG

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