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DEIR
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Owens River Water Trail – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Mr. Freilich:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 9 appreciates the opportunity to review the DEIR for the Owens River water trail for non-motorized watercraft. We offer the following:

- Per the DEIR Appendix B-3, the State Route 136 access will be at an existing road east of the Owens River. As noted, access improvements will be per Caltrans standards under an encroachment permit. The paved approach will need to be enlarged to deter debris tracking due to the additional use. If grazing no longer occurs in this area, the cattle guard could be removed. Otherwise, the County will need to regularly maintain it. For access design and permitting interaction please contact Stephen Winzenread at (760) 872-5222 or stephen.winzenread@dot.ca.gov.
- On page 5-13, the first phrase under heading "**Would the project substantially increase hazards...**" should be deleted to read: ~~The project would not alter existing roadways in the surrounding vicinity, and There are no existing hazardous...~~

We value our cooperative working relationship with Inyo County regarding project impacts to the State transportation system and its travelers. Feel free to contact me at (760) 872-0785 or gayle.rosander@dot.ca.gov for any questions.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Gayle J. Rosander in cursive.

GAYLE J. ROSANDER
External Project Liaison

c: State Clearinghouse
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