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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

RE: Marsh Creek Road Bridge Replacement Project  
SCH Number 2020040312

Dear Ms. Cremin,

This letter provides comments by the Diablo Range District of the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) on the Contra Costa County Public Works Department Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Marsh Creek Road Bridge Replacement 143 and 145 Project. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), State Parks has a dual role as both a Trustee and a Responsible Agency. As a Trustee Agency, State Parks is responsible with protecting lands that are held in trust for the people of the State of California.

A portion of the proposed project will occur within Marsh Creek State Park. The IS/MND states that the project would require a temporary construction easement and permanent right-of-way acquisition of 0.65 acres of State Parks land. This comment letter does not authorize permanent right-of-way take of State Park property, or indicate that any type of permit or easement will be granted. Additional review by State Parks will be needed. You are encouraged to initiate acquisition and easement negotiations with State Parks as early in the project planning process as possible.

This property was purchased as mitigation for the adverse impacts of State Route 4 Bypass alignment with grant funding from the California Coastal Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Board, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and California Department of Transportation. Contra Costa County will need to obtain authorization with these entities for consistency with the terms of those agreements.

Impacts to natural and cultural resources due to project construction activities should be mitigated within the park unit where impacts occur in order to return park property and/or resources to a pre-project condition or better, with the mitigation activities paid for by the project proponent. As you obtain required agreements/certification/permits, we encourage you to work with regulatory agencies to develop a mitigation framework for this project that will compensate State Parks for impacts to park property and the costs the department would incur to mitigate impacts, including those associated with

increased invasive species management, permanent loss of native vegetation, and restoration of impacted native habitats and communities.

If you have any questions about this comment letter or would like to discuss project activities on State Parks property, please contact Diablo Range District Environmental Coordinator, Gina Benigno, at 916-409-8392 or [gina.benigno@parks.ca.gov](mailto:gina.benigno@parks.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eduardo Guaracha', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eduardo Guaracha  
Diablo Range District Superintendent