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### **Re: Tunitas Creek Beach Improvement Project Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)**

Dear Mario Nastari:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Tunitas Creek Beach Improvement (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 September 2021 Draft IS/MND.

#### **Project Understanding**

The project proposes the construction of a parking facility, pathways, overlooks, restrooms, picnic areas, amphitheater, ranger shed, ranger residence, and related amenities to the Tunitas Creek Beach area. The project is located along State Route (SR)-1 near the Tunitas Creek Road intersection.

#### **Permits**

This project will require a State Right of Way (ROW) Use Agreement, with the payment of a fair market lease rate, for the use within the operating ROW. Please be advised that the District Airspace Review Committee (DARC) will need to review the preliminary plans and specifications for work within the operating ROW prior to providing conceptual approval. Due to the complexity of this project, it would most likely go through the Design Engineering Evaluation Report (DEER) process and will need to have a dedicated Caltrans Project Manager assigned to this project.

To ensure that Caltrans' Standards for any design work within the State ROW are met,

refer to the Highway Design Manual (HDM). If any non-standard items are proposed, prepare a non-standard exception document that will be reviewed by Caltrans.

Please note that landscape work within the State ROW, including hardscape and plantings removed or added, will require approval by the district landscape architect. See Chapter 500 of the Encroachment Permits manual for more information.

Any utilities that are proposed, moved or modified within the State ROW shall be discussed. If utilities are impacted by the project, provide site plans that show the location of existing and/or proposed utilities. 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.

A Maintenance Agreement will be required to account for the maintenance of transportation elements, including but not limited to, guardrails, retaining walls, etc.

To download the permit application and to obtain more information on all required documentation, visit <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>.

### **Lead Agency**

As the Lead Agency, the County of San Mateo Parks Department is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the State Transportation Network (STN). The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Nick Hernandez at [nick.hernandez@dot.ca.gov](mailto:nick.hernandez@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,



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c: State Clearinghouse