



Diablo Range District
15751 Tesla Road
Livermore, CA 94550

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

February 4, 2022

Feb 07 2022

Caltrans District 4 Environmental
ATTN: Cody Ericksen
P.O. Box 23660, MS: 8B
Oakland, CA 94623-0660

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: SCH Number 2021120436, California Department of Transportation, District 4,
State Route 239 Project

Dear Cody Erickson,

California State Parks is in receipt of the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the State Route 239 Project. State Parks owns Marsh Creek State Park in Contra Costa County, and jointly manages Bethany Reservoir State Recreation Area in Alameda County along with the California Department of Water Resources and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. These two park units are at least partially located within the corridor study area.

As a Trustee Agency, State Parks is responsible for protecting lands that are held in trust for the people of the State of California within units of the State Park system. We encourage you to develop project designs that avoid impacts to State Park lands, and coordinate with State Parks if there is potential for multi-use pathway connections.

Marsh Creek State Park contains significant natural, historic, and prehistoric resources. This property was purchased with grant funding from the California Coastal Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Board, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and California Department of Transportation to preserve and protect natural and cultural resources, open space, public access and recreation, and to provide additional mitigation for the adverse impacts of State Route 4 Bypass alignment. As part of the public acquisition of the park, some use restrictions and conditions were set by the public agencies who contributed to the funding of the acquisition. If the project would require activities within the park, project proponents would need to obtain authorization with these entities for consistency with the terms of those agreements. This comment letter should not be intended to confer any type of permit or easement or authorize permanent right-of-way take of State Park property.

We recommend close coordination with State Parks and other planning partners as this project is developed. The Marsh Creek State Park General Plan includes Visitor Facility Zones within or in close proximity to the State Route 239 project area. Additionally, there are other planning efforts involving Marsh Creek State Park including the East Bay Regional Park District's Marsh Creek Regional Trail Project.

California State Parks looks forward to being involved in this project and the preparation of the EIR. If you have questions or would like to discuss project activities within Marsh Creek State Park, please contact Gina Benigno at 925-409-8392 or gina.benigno@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

A01CE3BC4BE7482...

Eduardo Guaracha
Diablo Range District Superintendent