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RE: Bubbling Springs Natural  
Channel Vegetation Removal Project  
- Negative Declaration (ND)  
SCH # 2022020569  
GTS # 07-VEN-2022-00476

Dear Charles Cable:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced Initial Study/Negative Declaration (ND). The project consists of periodic vegetation removal from the Bubbling Springs Natural Channel's bed and banks for approximately 40 workdays each year. Most of the vegetation to be removed consists of cattails (*Typha angustifolia* and *T. latifolia*) and bulrush (*Schoenoplectus californicus*) that have grown to heights of 10 feet or more with a density that spans the full width of the natural channel. Following initial vegetation removal, the city and its labor crews would periodically remove plant material within the bed and banks of the channel, either quarterly, semiannually, or in anticipation of storm events depending on growth patterns of the cattails and bulrush plants. Additional maintenance would be conducted on an as needed basis to prevent the reestablishment of in-channel vegetation that could affect channel capacity. Vegetation removal would be conducted with both mechanized and hand equipment. The City of Port Hueneme is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project is located approximately 2-3 miles West of State Route 1 (SR-1). From reviewing the ND, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the State Highway System.

However, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials necessary for the project, which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State Highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends that the Project limit construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, including SR-1, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these issues for Caltrans' review.

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If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Ronnie Escobar, the project coordinator, at [Ronnie.Escobar@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Ronnie.Escobar@dot.ca.gov), and refer to GTS # 07-VEN-2022-00476.

Sincerely,

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cc: State Clearinghouse