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John Ota
California Department of Parks and Recreation
1925 Las Virgenes Road
Calabasas, CA 91302

RE: Topanga Lagoon Restoration Project:
Draft Environmental Impact Report
(DEIR)
Vic. LA-1/41.129, LA-27/0.024
GTS # 07-LA-2024-04451
SCH # 2022050478

Dear John Ota:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The Proposed Project involves the expansion of the Topanga Creek and lagoon ecosystem, replacement of the existing PCH bridge (SR-1 #53-0035) with a longer bridge to accommodate the lagoon expansion, development of visitor services in lower Topanga State Park, and relocation of DBH facilities on Topanga Beach that are threatened by sea level rise. The Proposed Project includes the construction of new visitor services at the northwest corner of the intersection of PCH and TCB, referred to as the "Gateway Corner." The Proposed Project also evaluates beneficial reuse options for excavated sediment and options for on- and off-site wastewater disposal. The California Department of Parks and Recreation is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facilities are SR-1 and SR-27. After reviewing the project's documents, Caltrans has the following comments:

- The Proposed Project will have potentially significant impacts on Caltrans R/W along SR-1 and SR-27. Please be advised that any permanent work, or temporary traffic control that encroaches onto the ROW requires a Caltrans-issued encroachment permit.
- Implement a mitigation measure that focuses on bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Upgrade the existing Class III bike facility to a Class I or at minimum a Class IV bike facility. This would achieve connectivity with other proposed and existing separated bicycle and pedestrian facilities

- Please update the metro bus route numbers to the most current route numbers on pages 3.16-8 and 3.16-9.

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that requires the 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, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these issues for Caltrans' review.

Caltrans looks forward to reviewing the future environmental documents. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jaden Oloresisimo, the project coordinator, at Jaden.Oloresisimo@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2024-04451.

Sincerely,



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cc: State Clearinghouse