

Appendix F Public Comments and
Comment Responses

Comments: Agencies

No comments were received from federal agencies.

One email containing two comments was received from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, as presented on the following page.

The comments and Caltrans' responses are provided in Table F-1 at the end of this appendix.

Comment SA-1, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, page 1 of 1

From: Stanley, Robert@Wildlife <Robert.Stanley@wildlife.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 9:54 AM
To: MacCarthy, Arnica@DOT <Arnica.MacCarthy@dot.ca.gov>; Vivian, Lindsay@DOT <lindsay.vivian@dot.ca.gov>
Subject: SCH; 2022100001; Sonoma State Route 1 Drainage System Restoration Project

EXTERNAL EMAIL. Links/attachments may not be safe.

I have two questions about this Project that might avoid me sending out a letter.

SA-1-1

1. What is the potential for fish passage at this location? These locations right on the coast tend to be very difficult to provide fish passage as there are usually extreme vertical drops at the outlets of the culverts. The picture shows this a little but it doesn't give a good representation of the fish passage status. Also what is the structure from aerial that vaults the creek? Maybe some kind of utility? Or access?

SA-1-2

2. Can the downstream rock pad be built up to create more of a gradual outlet and reduce the drop height from the end of the culver to the RSP pad?

[Sonoma State Route 1 Drainage System Restoration Project Draft Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration \(ca.gov\)](#)

These comments are potentially very minor and so I am hoping to avoid a comment letter on this one.

Regards,

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[Report a Bat Colony \(ca.gov\)](#)

Comments: Individuals

One email containing two comments was received from a member of the public.

The comments and Caltrans' responses are summarized in Table F-1 at the end of this appendix.

Comment IND-1, Galvan Stonetree, page 1 of 1

From: stonetree galvan <stonetreegalvan88@gmail.com>

Date: November 3, 2022 at 2:44:31 PM PDT

To: sonoma1drainagerestorationproject@dot.ca.gov

Subject: SR1 Drainage restoration project Stewarts Point

IND-1-1

Could you please provide the correct link to the environmental document?
The link listed in the Press Democrat does not go to an active page.

I would like to view the document.

From: stonetree galvan <stonetreegalvan88@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 7:37 AM

To: Nagle, Elizabeth@DOT <Elizabeth.Nagle@dot.ca.gov>

Subject: SR1 Drainage restoration project Stewarts Point

EXTERNAL EMAIL. Links/attachments may not be safe.

IND-1-2

Is there one and/or are you extending the review period?

Table F-1. Responses to Comments

Commenter	Comment Number	Comment	Response
Mr. Robert Stanley, Senior Environmental Scientist, California Department of Fish and Wildlife	SA-1-1 COMMENT 1: Potential for Fish Passage	What is the potential for fish passage at this location? These locations right on the coast tend to be very difficult to provide fish passage as there are usually extreme vertical drops at the outlets of the culverts. The picture shows this a little but it doesn't give a good representation of the fish passage status. Also what is the structure from aerial that vaults the creek? Maybe some kind of utility? Or access?	Caltrans acknowledges CDFW's question about fish passage feasibility. The Project is at the top of a very steep and rocky drop-off that would be unfeasible for fish passage. There are no known fish passage barriers at the location and the Project will not create a new barrier. For more information, please refer to Section 3.3.4, Biological Resources.
Mr. Robert Stanley, Senior Environmental Scientist, California Department of Fish and Wildlife	SA-1-2 COMMENT 2: Rock Slope Protection	Can the downstream rock pad be built up to create more of a gradual outlet and reduce the drop height from the end of the culver to the RSP pad?	Caltrans notes CDFW's suggestion. The suggestion will be reviewed internally, and a determination will be made in the design phase.
Galvan Stonetree	IND-1-1 COMMENT 1: Correct web link to the Environmental Document	Could you please provide the correct link to the environmental document? The link listed in the Press Democrat does not go to an active page.	Caltrans acknowledges the individual's comment about the web link for the IS/ND and a fileshare link was provided to the respondent before the website issue was fixed on November 10, 2022.
Galvan Stonetree	IND-1-2 COMMENT 2: Extending the Review Period	Is there one and/or are you extending the review period?	The review period started on November 1, 2022 and ended on November 30, 2022. The review period was not extended.

Notes:

IND = Individual

SA = State Agency