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Re: Marsh Creek Restoration Project — Notice of Preparation (NOP) for Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Ben Weise:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Marsh Creek Restoration Project. The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities. The following comments are based on our review of the September 2024 DEIR.

Please note this correspondence does not indicate an official position by Caltrans on this project and is for informational purposes only.

Project Understanding

The proposed restoration project near State Route (SR) 4 is intended to remediate creek and streambed erosion, restore healthy riparian systems, and protect historic and cultural resources.

Travel Demand Analysis

With the enactment of Senate Bill (SB) 743, Caltrans is focused on maximizing efficient development patterns, innovative travel demand reduction strategies, and multimodal improvements. For more information on how Caltrans assesses Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis for land use projects, please review Caltrans' Transportation Impact Study Guide ([link](#)).

If the project meets the screening criteria established in the County's adopted VMT policy to be presumed to have a less-than-significant VMT impact and exempt from

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detailed VMT analysis, please provide justification to support the exempt status in alignment with the County's VMT policy. Projects that do not meet the screening criteria should include a detailed VMT analysis in the DEIR.

Hydrology

Please ensure that any increase in storm water runoff to State Drainage Systems or Facilities be treated, contained on the project site, and metered to preconstruction levels. Any floodplain impacts must be documented and mitigated. Please also provide a floodplain analysis report with information on any additional floodplain impacts on existing adjacent properties.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Llisel Ayon, Associate Transportation Planner, via LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please visit Caltrans LDR website ([link](#)) or contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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