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**Napa County Stream Maintenance Program – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)**

Dear Richard Thomasser:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. In tandem with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), Caltrans mission signals a modernization of our approach to evaluating and mitigating impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN). Caltrans' *Strategic Management Plan 2015-2020* aims to reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) by tripling bicycle and doubling both pedestrian and transit travel by 2020. Our comments are based on the MND.

***Project Understanding***

The Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District has updated the Stream Maintenance Program Manual to include additional District maintenance responsibilities, revised maintenance approaches, maintenance activities conducted by both the Napa County Resource Conservation District and the County Public Works Dept's Roads Division in partnership with the District, and maintenance of the Napa River/Napa Creek Flood Protection Project. The Manual provides the organizational framework to oversee routine stream maintenance activities, including vegetation management, erosion protection/bank stabilization, sediment removal, culvert repair/replacement, and other activities. These maintenance activities occur mainly in engineered channels, modified channels and natural channels throughout Napa County on an as-needed basis.

***Bridges, Trestles, Culverts and Other Structures in Riparian Environments***

Some project level activities may affect riparian flow patterns upstream of bridges, trestles, culverts or other structures for which Caltrans holds responsibility. Please ensure your project level environmental documents include hydrological studies to determine whether such impacts will occur, and to identify appropriate mitigation measures.

***Habitat Restoration and Management***

Project level activities related to habitat restoration and management should be done in coordination with local and regional Habitat Conservation Plans, and with Caltrans where our programs share stewardship responsibilities for habitats, species and/or migration routes.

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***Lead Agency***

As the Lead Agency, Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservative District is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to the STN. The project's financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures, prior to the submittal of an encroachment permit. Potential mitigation measures that include the requirements of other agencies—such as Caltrans—are fully enforceable through permit conditions, agreements, or other legally-binding instruments under the control of the County.

***Transportation Permit***

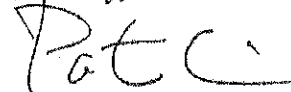
Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, a completed transportation permit application with the determined specific route(s) for the shipper to follow from origin to destination must be submitted to: Caltrans Transportation Permits Office, 1823 14th Street, Sacramento, CA 95811-7119. See the following website for more information:  
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/permits>.

***Encroachment Permit***

Please be advised that any work or traffic control that encroaches onto the State ROW requires an encroachment permit that is issued by Caltrans. To obtain an encroachment permit, a completed encroachment permit application, environmental documentation, and six (6) sets of plans clearly indicating the State ROW, and six (6) copies of signed and stamped traffic control plans must be submitted to: Office of Encroachment Permits, California DOT, District 4, P.O. Box 23660, Oakland, CA 94623-0660. To download the permit application and obtain more information, visit  
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/>.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Michael McHenry at (510) 286-5562 or [Michael.Mchenry@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Michael.Mchenry@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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