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SR 74, PM R2.55

Dear Mr. Parco,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Proposed Drainage Improvements and Restoration Activities at the Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park project in the City of San Juan Capistrano. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.

The proposed project consists of removal of an existing Arizona Crossing across San Juan Creek, streambank restoration along the Riding Park's border with the eastern bank of the creek, and installation of a stormwater capture and treatment system to prevent the incidental discharge of stormwater pollutants. State Route (SR) 74 is adjacent to the project and Interstate 5 (I-5) is located approximately 2.5 miles from the project site. Caltrans is a commenting agency on this project and upon review, we have the following comments:

NPDES Stormwater Compliance:

1. According to the Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park Public Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration, the location of the construction staging area is adjacent to the Caltrans right-of-way.
2. Please ensure that proper construction site Best Management Practices (BMPs) are placed to prevent construction-related pollutants and wastes from entering Caltrans right-of-way. All existing Caltrans drainage facilities should be protected during construction and existing flow patterns shall be maintained.
3. Planned Caltrans construction projects may be occurring during the City's planned project. Please coordinate with Caltrans Project Management.

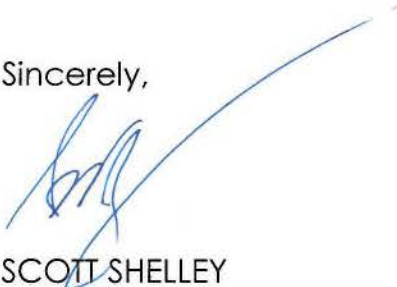
Encroachment Permits:

4. Any project work proposed in the vicinity of the State Right-of-Way (ROW) would require an encroachment permit and all environmental concerns must be adequately addressed. If the environmental documentation for the project does not meet Caltrans's requirements for work done within State ROW, additional documentation would be required before approval of the encroachment permit. Please coordinate with Caltrans to meet requirements for any work within or near State ROW. For specific details for Encroachment Permits procedure, please refer to the Caltrans's Encroachment Permits Manual at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/>

Please continue to keep us informed of this project and any future developments that could potentially impact State transportation facilities. If you have any questions or need to contact us, please do not hesitate to contact Joseph Jamoralin at (657) 328-6276 or Joseph.Jamoralin@dot.ca.gov

Sincerely,



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