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Subject: County of Monterey Garrapata Creek Bridge Replacement Working Group Special Meeting
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:37:46 AM

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Dear Ms. Vasquez,

Good morning.

Thank you for your note regarding the revised agenda for tomorrow's meeting in re the above matter.

Two questions:

1. Will the meeting be web cast by Zoom or similar method?

(If not yet planned, can it be? Please advise.)

2. Your notice bears no date of publication. Was it posted/sent 72 hours in advance of Friday's meeting?

Thank you.

Regards,

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Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 11:21:51 AM

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Hi Elizabeth,

I'm personally alarmed that there is no zoom option for attending this meeting! Why not? This appears to me to be an end run around the public concern about historical resources. CalTrans needs to engineer another option that meets the needs of this and all of the other historic bridges in Big Sur.

With the road closure and convoy system it has become abundantly clear when viewing both the Rocky Creek and Bixby Bridge railings while driving slowly across that they all need a lot of work. If a more closely replicable design is not done we will be stuck with this Garrapata railing design for all of the historic bridges. That is unacceptable!!!

David Smiley,

member of the Big Sur Land use Advisory Committee and the Garrapata ADACK review.

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RE: GARRAPATA CREEK BRIDGE RAIL REPLACEMENT PROJECT
WORKING GROUP MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2024

Dear Mr. Angelo,

The Albion Bridge Stewards - in concert with the Highway 1 Coalition and Keep Big Sur Wild - strongly support the preservation of California's historic Highway 1 bridges, which constitute a treasure of local, regional, State, national, and international significance.

The balusters (posts and railings) of the Garrapata Bridge constitute the windows through which the world sees the adjacent magnificent coastal sea- and land-scape. As such, they present an essential component of the historic design and construction of the Garrapata Bridge in the Big Sur, and cumulatively all the other Highway 1 bridges of that era along this coast.

The Garrapata Bridge balusters therefore must be properly maintained and, where necessary, repaired or replaced - in kind (height, width, depth) and *in situ* to faithfully and sustainably protect the renowned public viewshed of the Big Sur, as well as public safety. High strength materials are available to do that work. It remains the County's unchanged responsibility pursuant to the State-certified and federally approved Big Sur LCP to permanently protect the public's views through the Garrapata Bridge balusters for unimpaired long-term use and enjoyment.

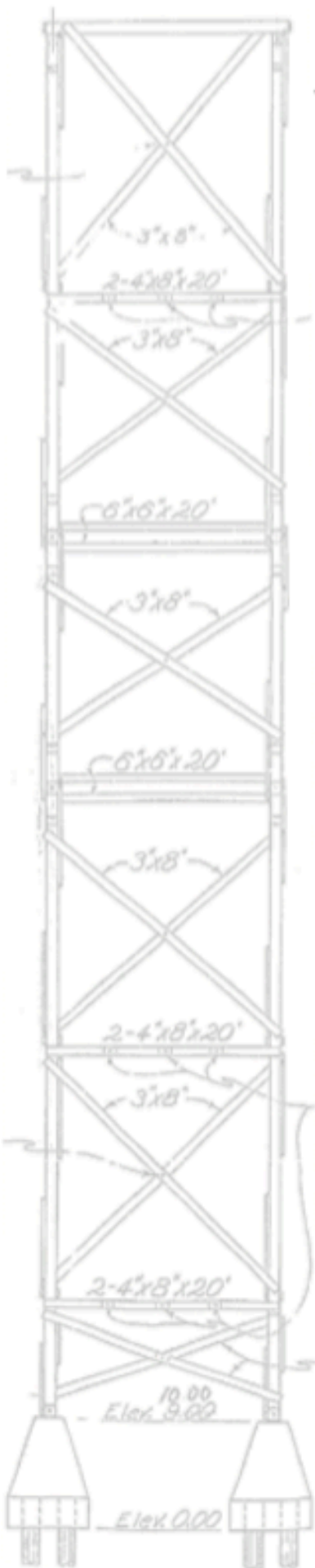
It has come to our attention that County staff on 24 hours' notice has scheduled a "special" meeting, limited to in-person participation, of the above-referenced working group to (1) discuss the Garrapata Creek Bridge Rail Replacement Project as briefly summarized in the County agenda for the meeting, and (2) agenda corrections, deletions and proposed additions on which the working group may act pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

We respectfully submit that no publicly disclosed valid basis exists pursuant to which a special meeting may be called that avoids the Brown Act's general 72-hour minimum notice requirement.

The notice of the special meeting does not identify any action item that is before the working group, which precludes it from taking any action at this meeting, said subpart 2 of the notice to the contrary notwithstanding.

In addition, conducting this meeting solely as an in-person meeting during the

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middle of a work day denies us and other interested stakeholders the legislatively recognized right to effectively participate in it, e.g., by web cast or telephone call-in. (Public Resources Code § 30006.)

We therefore respectfully request that the County defer this meeting (a) until proper notice of it and its agenda items has been given to all known interested persons pursuant to the Brown Act and the California Coastal Act of 1976, and (b) to such time and place as when the County can conduct an hybrid in-person and web cast meeting of the working group to consider this matter of local and greater-than-local significance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Albion Bridge Stewards (by authorized electronic signatures):

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Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:09:58 PM

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Hello Ms. Vasquez,

We live on Garrapatos Road (above Palo Colorado), just down the road from the Garrapata Creek Bridge. We are currently on vacation. How can we attend this meeting? Will it be available on Zoom?

Bruce

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Maharishi Mahesh Yogi

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached revised agenda for the County of Monterey Garrapata Creek Bridge Replacement Working Group Special Meeting taking place on **Friday, April 26, 2024, at 10:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.** at the following address. This revised agenda lists the working group members in the 'Roll Call' section.

Large Conference Room
State Parks Monterey District Office
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Kindly,



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Download the revised agenda [HERE](#) (PDF, 2 Pages, 150 KB)

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