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Subject: Pfeiffer Gulch Bridge Follow-Up Permit (PLN 170715)

Dear Mr. ^{Mitch}Dallas:

Thank you for the update on the Pfeiffer Gulch Bridge follow-up permit. At our March 14, 2018 meeting, you indicated that Caltrans (CT) has been compiling materials / entering into agreements as needed to satisfy the requirements of the County's emergency permit follow-up procedures. As part of that application (PLN170715), you indicated that CT has prepared a landscape restoration plan to restore areas disturbed during the bridge repair and that CT has further had conversations with the utility companies regarding undergrounding of electrical and telecommunication wires in accordance with LCP requirements. Again, both of these activities would be authorized as part of the County's action on the Pfeiffer Gulch Bridge follow-up permit and we are awaiting copies of the plans (both) so that we can review and provide input to the County in advance of the County's action on the permit.

With regard to public access, the 6-foot shoulder widths along the Pfeiffer Gulch Bridge will improve safety and reduce the potential for user conflicts between vehicles and bicycles. Highway One is a designated California Pacific Bike Route. However, the highway shoulder is not the preferred CCT alignment for pedestrian travel at this location. Both the County's LCP and the Coast Highway Management Plan contain specific policies regarding establishing dedicated pedestrian trails and pathways when possible in new development and we believe there are feasible alternatives in the area that will be safer, will provide greater connectivity, and will better further CT's goals of providing multi-modal forms of transportation in the Big Sur area. Specifically, there is a great need to connect adjacent public and private campgrounds (Pfeiffer State Park and Ventana Inn) with the Big Sur Station, the Loma Vista rural community center, and recreational points beyond. The goal is to provide non-automotive pedestrian access between these important destinations while at the same time reducing vehicular traffic along the significantly congested highway through Big Sur Valley. We have been working with adjacent landowners to identify a trail alignment(s) in this area that is both consistent with CCT goals as well as one that meets the individual needs of the Ventana Inn and State Parks. We hope to soon have more information on the location, design, construction costs, etc., of such a trail and will provide CT with that detail as soon as it is available. I anticipate the need for a discussion on

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how CT can contribute towards these CCT improvements within the context of the Pfeiffer Gulch Bridge repair follow-up permit.

Thanks again for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me at (831) 427-4898 if you have any questions regarding the above. I look forward to coordinating with you on these issues in the near future.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Watson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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