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April 19, 2016

Juan Pablo Galavan Save Mount Diablo 1901 Olympic Boulevard #320 Walnut Creek, CA 94596

RE: Marsh Creek Road Bridge 141 Replacement Project (28C-141)

County Project No.: 0662-6R4079

CEQA Project No.: CP 15-39

Dear Mr. Galavan:

Thank you for providing comments on behalf of Save Mount Diablo on the Marsh Creek Road Bridge 141 (Bridge 28C-0141) Replacement Project California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document (CP# 15-39). This letter is intended to address your comments submitted on February 25, 2016. Our responses to your comments are presented below and follow the order of your comments (numbered in the margin of your letter and attached for reference).

Comment #1: Comment noted.

Comment #2: Comment noted. The Contra Costa County Public Works Department will provide notification on the status of the implementation of the project to Save Mt. Diablo.

Please feel free to contact me at (925) 313-2022 or hillary.heard@pw.cccounty.us if you have any further questions on our responses to your comments.

Sincerely

Hillary Heard

Planner II

Environmental Services

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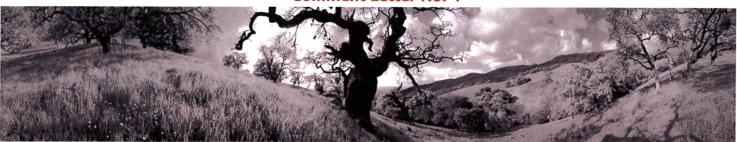
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Comment letter received from Save Mount Diablo on February 25, 2016

N. Leary, Design

L. Chavez, Environmental

Comment Letter No. 4



February 25th, 2016

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RE: Comments on the Marsh Creek Rd Bridge Replacement (Bridge 28C-141) and Associated Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Ms. Heard,

Save Mount Diablo (SMD) is a non-profit conservation organization founded in 1971 which acquires land for addition to parks on and around Mount Diablo and monitors land use planning which might affect protected lands. We build trails, restore habitat, and are involved in environmental education. In 1971 there was just one park on Mount Diablo totaling 6,778 acres; today there are almost 50 parks and preserves around Mount Diablo totaling 110,000 acres. We include more than 8,000 donors and supporters.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the MND for the proposed Marsh Creek Rd bridge replacement (Project). We would like to note that several SMD properties are located very close to the Project. Our Marsh Creek II and Marsh Creek VI properties lie a short distance upstream from the Project adjacent Marsh Creek, while our Marsh Creek V property is immediately adjacent the Project.

The protection and restoration of Marsh Creek has been a top priority of Save Mount Diablo for many years. Management and restoration work on all the above-mentioned properties are ongoing, and focus on the riparian habitat zone of the creek as well as the associated upland habitats. We are supportive of opening up the Marsh Creek channel to allow a freer flow of the creek, and we ask that ongoing notification be provided to us as this Project progresses through the environmental review process and potentially implementation and construction.

Sincerely,

Juan Pablo Galván Land Use Planner

