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January 31, 2023

Brian Balbas, Director
Contra Costa County
Public Works
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553

RE: Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline
Overnight Closure Approval for Carquinez Scenic Drive

Dear Mr. Balbas:

The East Bay Regional Park District and Contra Costa County have worked cooperatively to secure Carquinez Scenic Drive from the Martinez city limits to the Ozol Fuel Facility by providing overnight closure of the road. Additionally, we secured an overnight closure of the road from McEwen Road in Port Costa to the former TXI facility. These closures enable the Park District to control vehicular access and have significantly reduced the amount of vandalism and illegal dumping that occurs after dark. In addition, the need for public safety patrol and response to illicit activities on the road has been greatly reduced.

On behalf of the Park District, I would like to request an administrative closure on Carquinez Scenic Drive from the Park District's Nejedly Staging Area in Martinez to McEwen Road in Port Costa, as allowed under California Vehicle Code 21104.1. We feel that this arrangement has been very successful in creating a safer environment for the residents of Martinez and Port Costa.

Please let me know what actions will be necessary to continue this closure. Thank you for your consideration in this manner.

Sincerely,

Michael Reeves

Michael Reeves (Jan 26, 2023 08:55 PST)

Michael Reeves
Chief of Land Acquisition
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Cc: Stephen Kowalewski, Chief Deputy Director
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