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Re: Right-of-Way Excess Land Sales – California Department of Transportation
("CalTrans") Devil's Slide Bypass Alignment

Dear Steve:

This letter refers to yours dated February 22, 2017 to Kristin L. Schober, CalTrans Senior Right-of-Way Agent, responding to her notification of the potential sale of the Devil's Slide Bypass Alignment property ("Bypass") to Montara Water and Sanitary District ("MWSD"). While I understand, as stated in your letter to Ms. Schober, that disposition and use of the Bypass has been the topic of discussion among CalTrans, the County and the California Coastal Commission ("CCC") for a number of years and that those discussions resulted in the development of San Mateo County Local Coastal Plan ("LCP") Policy 11.33, that topic has also been a matter discussion among CalTrans, MWSD and the County. In that regard, I enclose a copy of the Board of Supervisors' resolution entitled, "Resolution in Support of the Montara Water and Sanitary District's Request for CalTrans Donation of 'Bypass Lands,'"¹ sponsored by Board President Don Horsley.

Please be assured that, in connection with the adoption of the Board's resolution, MWSD was, and is, fully aware of LCP Policy 11.33. Likewise, our discussions with CalTrans have included full recognition of the Policy. While your letter to Ms. Schober understandably refers to LCP Policy 11.33 in its present form, we propose to confer with you and other cognizant County officials and the CCC regarding how best to implement the intent of LCP Policy 11.33 in the most efficient and effective way. For example, MWSD's sole ownership of the Bypass should lend itself to expeditious development of the Specific Plan referenced in Policy 11.33, or simply to an amendment to the LCP recognizing that MWSD's intended use of the Bypass is for exactly the same purposes now specified by Policy 11.3. Notably, the recitals supporting the Board's resolution underscore that intent.

¹ Although the enclosure is not numbered or signed, I understand that it was adopted May 24, 2016.

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I look forward to working with you, your staff and other County officials as well as the Coastal Commission in implementing the intent of LCP Policy 11.33 through our acquisition of the Bypass. Given the adoption of the Board's resolution supporting our acquisition, I should think that all parties concerned, including CalTrans, will find MWSD's ownership of the Bypass the best way to ensure advancement of the public interest underlying Policy 11.33.

Very truly yours,



Clemens Heldmaier, General Manager

Encl.

cc: Don Horsley, President, Board of Supervisors (w/encl.)
Hon. President and Members, MWSD Board of Directors (w/encl.)
Kristin L. Schober, CalTrans (w/encl.)
Nancy Cave, California Coastal Commission (w/encl.)