



February 25, 2016

Mr. Clemens Heldmaier  
General Manager  
Montara Water & Sanitary District  
8888 Cabrillo Hwy.  
Montara, CA 94037

**Re: Acquisition and Use of CalTrans' Devil's Slide Bypass Alignment within Montara**

Mr. Heldmaier:

I am writing in response to your request for Coastal Conservancy support for the Montara Water & Sanitary District's proposal to acquire the CalTrans' Devil's Slide Bypass Alignment within Montara.

You confirmed with my staff that if acquired the District intends to develop this property for water extraction to serve the local community as well as for public access and recreation, and open space protection. We also understand the District is committed to complying with the San Mateo County Local Coastal Program (LCP, updated June 2013), including policies regarding the use of the CalTrans' Devil's Slide Bypass Alignment consistent with the future development of a Linear Park and Trail Plan (LPTP) Overlay. You also confirmed that the District is bound to comply with the LCP through your Publics Work Plan negotiated with the Coastal Commission.

The Coastal Conservancy is supportive of the District's proposal to acquire these bypass lands and looks forward to the District's future development and management of public trails in this corridor.

Sincerely,

Sam Schuchat  
Executive Officer

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San Mateo County Parks Director Marlene Finley

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