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Mr. Paul Cole
Assistant Chief
Coastside Fire Protection District
1191 Main Street
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Dear Mr. Cole:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the future replacement of Coastside Fire Protection District's Station 41 in El Granada with regards to potential realignments of Highway 1 through the San Mateo County mid-coast region.

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) have reviewed your proposal to locate the new Station 41 on the vacant parcel of land near the corner of Obispo Road and Coronado Street in El Granada as attached to your letter. Caltrans have also reviewed the "Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Improvement Study" that was prepared by the San Mateo County Midcoast Communities as referenced.

Caltrans does not have any plans to relocate Highway 1 within or around the community of El Granada at this time, but we are currently undertaking a corridor study for Highway 1 in San Mateo County. When completed, the study will provide a vision of what Highway 1 in San Mateo County should look like over a 25-year planning horizon and will help identify improvement needs for the highway corridor, including potential means to address coastal erosion. The information in the "Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Improvement Study" prepared by the San Mateo County Midcoast Communities will be reviewed and considered in the process of preparing Caltrans' corridor study for Highway 1.

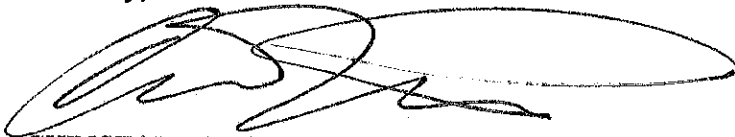
The Highway 1 corridor study is anticipated to be completed in late 2017. Once completed, we will have a better idea of corridor needs and priorities. Planning and programming of projects to meet these needs will be considered and developed in coordination with local agencies. Implementation of these projects will be based on funding availability.

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Caltrans strives to establish effective partnerships with all stakeholders in order to develop projects in balance with community goals, plans, and values. We will keep the Coastside Fire Protection District informed of any future plans to relocate Highway 1 within or around the community of El Granada as they become available.

Please contact me at (510) 286-5704 should you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CHRISTOPHER BLUNK', written over a large, light-colored oval shape.

CHRISTOPHER BLUNK, P.E.

Project Manager

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