

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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August 14, 2026

ENVR 20260800003

Kenneth Phung
Director of Developmental Services
City of Perris
135 North D Street
Perris, CA 92570

Re: Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel Trail – Phase 2 [SCH 2020020363](#) – *Notice of Determination (NOD)*

Dear Kenneth Phung,

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) has jurisdiction over rail crossings (crossings) in California. The CPUC ensures that crossings are safely designed, constructed, and maintained. The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) is in receipt of the *Notice of Determination (NOD)* for the Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel Trail – Phase 2 Project. The City of Perris (City) is the lead agency.

The project site is located along the Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel extending from Nuevo Road to South Perris Metrolink Station at Case Road. The project proposes a low-flow Arizona crossing at-grade at the convergence of the 7th Street Channel and the San Jacinto River Channel immediately downstream of I-215 freeway, with the trail then extending out of the channel to the eastern side of the river.

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) Perris Valley subdivision parallels the north side of Case Road. The trail ends at the South Perris Metrolink Station just north of the existing [South Perris Metrolink Station emergency private at-grade crossing](#) (DOT# 931550W, CPUC# 101PV-85.15-X). The nearest legal crossing of the tracks to get to Case Rd is located at [Mapes Rd](#) (DOT# 027352J, CPUC# 101PV-85.89), which is more than ½ mile from the end of the trail.

The City should consider the impact of the pedestrian traffic through the trail portion acquired via the private parcels between the San Jacinto River and the Metrolink Station and provide mitigations to deter trespassing on the railroad corridor and crossing of the tracks to get to/from Case Rd to the proposed trail. Mitigations can include, but not be limited to, installation right-of-way fencing along the railroad corridor, and installation of lighting along the trail approaching the terminus at the South Perris Metrolink Station. These measures should be included with the proposed project.

Should the City decide to propose a new crossing across the tracks closer to the trail, any proposed new crossing will require authorization from the CPUC through a [formal application](#) and must also conform to the goals of the CPUC's Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan. This includes improving safety and access to transportation, improving local air quality and public health, and expanding outreach and public participation opportunities in disadvantaged communities. For more information, please visit <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/esjactionplan>.

RCEB staff is available to discuss any potential safety impacts or concerns at the crossings and address any questions from the City.

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If you have any questions, please contact Sergio Licon at (213) 503-4866, or sergio.licon@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anh Truong', with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Anh Truong, PE
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