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Re: Guadalupe River Bank Stabilization Project: Malone Road and Blossom Hill Road — Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Lawrence Truong:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Guadalupe River Bank Stabilization Project: Malone Road and Blossom Hill Road. The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities. The following comments are based on our review of the June 2025 MND.

Please note this correspondence does not indicate an official position or approval by Caltrans on this project and is for informational purposes only.

Project Understanding

The proposed project includes two sites along the Guadalupe River that are in close proximity of State Routes 85 and 87. The project will stabilize and restore areas of the embankment where erosion has occurred to avoid impacts to the neighboring properties.

Water Quality

Since it is important to maintain a dry construction work area, it is recommended to propose to have summer flow calculated (based on 25-year historical data) for both project locations, specifically the Guadalupe River location. This will allow the correct sizing of sump pump or consideration of alternative construction method for the Temporary Creek Diversion System (TCDS).

A comment on Figure 2.2-3 - the coffer dam appears to be using sheet piling here. This may not be consistent with the earthen cofferdam narrative in section 2.4.3 and elsewhere in the document. Please verify consistency throughout the document for the final report.

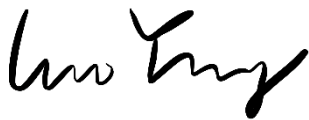
Construction-Related Impacts

Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, please visit Caltrans Transportation Permits ([link](#)).

Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN).

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Marley Mathews, Associate Transportation Planner, via LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov. For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please visit Caltrans LDR website ([link](#)) or contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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