

EXHIBIT "A" RESPONSE TO MND COMMENTS

Comment No. 1

>>> "Fabry, Matt" <mfabry@ci.brisbane.ca.us> 9/14/2009 2:59 PM >>>

Julie - for some reason I received a copy of the proposed IS/MND for the Crystal Springs Bridge replacement, for which Gilles Tourel is listed as the primary contact. I don't normally receive documents like this on which to comment, but I took a quick look through it and saw that the new bridge would be adding over 10,000 square feet of impervious surface. Therefore, I believe this project is subject to the C.3 site design, source control, treatment, and potentially hydromod provisions. The only water quality-related mitigation measure proposed was implementing a SWPPP for construction impacts. Obviously, if this is subject to C.3, it may have a significant impact on the design. Are you involved in this project at all?

Matt

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Response No. 1:

The County of San Mateo has consulted with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board and has received confirmation stating that the County of San Mateo would not be subjected to C.3 Provisions. See the attached confirmation email below.

>>> "Sue Ma" <SMa@waterboards.ca.gov> 11/16/09 9:57 AM >>>

Hi Carter,

This email is to document our discussions regarding the subject project. In accordance with Board Order No. R2-2009-0074, adopted October 14, 2009, we have determined that this project is not subject to the Provision C.3. stormwater treatment requirements. Specifically, because the project is a road reconstruction project and will not be adding additional lanes of traffic, Provision C.3.b.ii.(4)(a) and (b) do not apply. For the multi-purpose trail that will added to the reconstructed bridge, we have determined that Provision C.3.b.ii.(4)(c) does not apply because Provision C.3.b.ii.(4)(g) allows the grandfathering of public road and trail projects from the new Provision C.3. requirements as long as funding has been committed and construction is scheduled to begin by December 1, 2012. This determination is based on our understanding that the bridge reconstruction project is scheduled to begin by July 2012.

Please call or email me if you have any questions.

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Comment No.2

MEMORANDUM

**SAN MATEO COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS**

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

DATE: October 13, 2009

TO: Gilles Tourel, Senior Civil Engineer

FROM:  Gary Lockman, Superintendent

**SUBJECT: Comments on Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration – August 2009
Crystal Springs Dam Bridge Replacement Project
File No. DPW 2008-00397**

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, Section 3.15 - Recreation, indicates that impacts of the Project to recreation would be less than significant. Section 3.15 states in part that “the Project would provide for improved pedestrian and bicycle travel over the bridge” and “Impacts would be less than significant”.

The Department of Parks is concerned that the current proposed configuration may cause unwanted congestion and user conflicts between the Crystal Springs Trail entry to the overlook area and the northern end of the bridge. Based on our review of the 50% Plans for the Construction of County Bridge No. 67 (State Bridge No 35C-043) dated 6/13/08, the project will focus trail users into a narrowed circuitous route between the dam overlook and vehicular parking.

The Department of Parks would want to see the trail route from its existing entry into the overlook area to the northern bridge approach modified to eliminate turns and bends as much as possible and keep the same width as on the trail on both sides of the overlook area.

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration Section 3.16 – Transportation and Traffic, indicates that there would be less that significant impact on traffic in relation to existing traffic. It also indicated that there would be no impact that would increase hazards due to design features.

The Department of Parks believes that based on the 50% plans, significant congestion and user conflicts could be expected between the Crystal Springs Trail gate at the north end of the parking area to the beginning of the bridge as users slow down, pass each other, or dismount bicycles, as they negotiate tight turns on a narrowed trail. The congestion or conflicts could encourage some trail users (especially bicyclists) to go out onto Skyline Boulevard between the Crystal Springs Road gate and the bridge to avoid this section of the trail.

The Department of Parks would want to see the trail route from its existing entry into the overlook area to the northern bridge approach modified to eliminate turns and bends as much as possible and keep the same width as on the trail on both sides of the overlook area. Trail users (especially bicyclists) would be less likely to use the roadway if the trail in the overlook area was reasonable free of congestion and user conflicts.

Response No. 2:

The proposed alignment of the Sawyer Camp trail is a direct result of the existing rock wall along the perimeter of the Vista Point Parking Lot. Due to the historical significance, this rock wall must be maintained as is and preserved from any damages during construction. The County of San Mateo will consider alternative alignments that may mitigate the sharp turn and bends within this location. Justification of alignment shifts will be considered within the given design parameters and restrictions.