

**Appendix B** Resources Evaluated Relative  
to the Requirements of  
Section 4(f)

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This section of the document discusses parks, recreational facilities, wildlife refuges and historic properties found within or adjacent to the project area that do not trigger Section 4(f) protection either because: 1) they are not publicly owned, 2) they are not open to the public, 3) they are not eligible historic properties, 4) the project does not permanently use the property and does not hinder the preservation of the property, or 5) the proximity impacts do not result in constructive use.



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**Subject: Section 4(f) Concurrence for Temporary Occupancy of Chino Hills State Park during Construction of the State Route 91 (SR-91) Eastbound Lane Addition Project between SR-241 and SR-71**

The Inland Empire District of the Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) appreciates the opportunity to participate in the Section 4(f) Concurrence. As we understand, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Districts 12 and 8, in conjunction with the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Riverside County Transportation Commission propose a project to reduce traffic congestion, improve operational deficiencies, and comply with legislative requirements on eastbound SR-91 between SR-241 and SR-71.

Specifically, the proposed project will add an eastbound lane and widen all eastbound lanes and shoulders to standard widths on SR-91 between SR-241 in eastern Orange County and SR-71 in western Riverside County. Caltrans will be required to obtain a Right of Entry Permit (ROE) from California State Parks, Inland Empire District, within Chino Hills State Park south of SR-91 in order to access and regrade an existing Caltrans-owned collection basin within Caltrans right-of-way. Caltrans estimates the area that would be temporarily impacted is 0.066 acres (266 square meters, or 2,860 square feet). Vegetation that would be impacted during construction would be restored. Construction is estimated to begin in August 2009 and end July 2011. The temporary occupancy would last eight to ten months.

In summary, as presented to us by Caltrans staff, (1) the temporary occupancy would be short-term, (2) the scope of work within Chino Hills State Park would be minor, (3) there would be no anticipated permanent adverse physical impacts, nor will there be interference with the activities or purpose of the park, and (4) the park land would be fully restored. Furthermore, this temporary use does not preclude coordination for biological impacts with Caltrans.

Mr. Jim Beil  
Section 4(f) Concurrence  
July 23, 2007  
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Therefore, as the official with jurisdiction, I concur that the ROE to regrade the existing collection basin would not impair the activities, features, or attributes of the park.

If you have any questions, please contact Enrique Arroyo, at (951) 940-5664.

Sincerely,



Gary Watts  
District Superintendent

cc: John Rowe, State Parks  
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Subject: Initial Study/Environmental Assessment for SR 91 Eastbound Lane Widening Project

Dear Ms. <sup>Sylvia</sup>Vega:

This letter is in response to your July 18, 2007 letter (attached) concerning the study of potential noise impacts to the Green River Golf Club property resulting from the State Route 91 (SR 91) Eastbound Lane Widening Project (Project).

Because the proposed widening would occur on the south side of SR 91, and the Green River Golf Club property is located on the north side of SR 91, we concur that additional noise studies are not required for the subject Project. However, we do request that this issue be revisited as part of any future SR 91 project studies in this vicinity.

Please contact Lance Natsuhara of my staff at (714) 834-5398 if you have any questions or need further information.

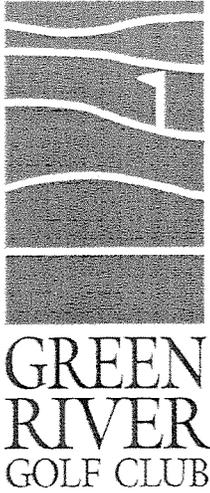
Sincerely,

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Attachment

cc: Nadeem Majaj, Manager, Flood Control Division  
Lance Natsuhara, Manager, Santa Ana River Project



February 9, 2006

Jonathan L. Higginson  
WIELAND ASSOCIATES, INC.  
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Dear Mr. Higginson,

This letter is regarding your recent visit to test sound levels for the proposed sound barrier adjacent to the Green River Golf Course along the 91 freeway.

We are not interested in a sound barrier. We feel visibility of the golf course from the 91 freeway is of greater benefit to us than sound abatement. A sound barrier obstructing the view of the golf course from the freeway will adversely affect our business.

Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,  
GREEN RIVER GOLF CORP.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Judy K. Saguchi".

Judy K. Saguchi  
General Manager

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June 14, 2007

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**Subject:** Temporary Occupancy of Chino Hills State Park during Construction of the State Route 91 (SR-91) Eastbound Lane Addition Project between SR-241 and SR-71

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Districts 8 and 12, in conjunction with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), propose to add an eastbound lane and widen all eastbound lanes and shoulders to standard widths on State Route 91 (SR-91) between State Route 241 (SR-241) in eastern Orange County and State Route 71 (SR-71) in western Riverside County (Figure 1, attached). The total length of the project is 11.1 kilometers (km) (6.9 miles [mi]). Approximately 6.4 km (4 mi) of the project are located in Orange County under Caltrans District 12 jurisdiction and 4.7 km (2.9 mi) are located in Riverside County under Caltrans District 8 jurisdiction. Caltrans is the lead agency for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). OCTA is a responsible agency under CEQA and the project proponent. The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce traffic congestion, improve operational deficiencies, and comply with legislative requirements on eastbound SR-91 between SR-241 and SR-71.

The proposed project includes the following project components: bridge widening, retaining walls, sound walls, culvert extensions, additional drainage inlets, a potential pipeline relocation, modification and relocation of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Facilities, new landscaping and irrigation, and relocation of a private access road.

The Build Alternative (Alternative 2) would require a Temporary Construction Easement (TCE) within Chino Hills State Park on the south side of SR-91 in order to access and regrade an existing Caltrans-owned collection basin within Caltrans right-of-way. The area that would be temporarily impacted is estimated to be 266 square meters (2,860 square feet). Vegetation within Chino Hills State Park that would be affected during construction would be restored. TCE locations are shown in Figure 2, attached. The construction start date is August 1, 2009 and the end date is July 1, 2011 however, initial estimates at the PA&ED phase indicate that temporary occupancy of Chino Hills Park would likely only occur for eight to ten months. Further, the proposed project would comply with conditions of the Orange County Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP) and Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP) and western Riverside County Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and thereby avoid any potentially substantial adverse impacts to sensitive biological resources in the adjacent open space areas. Additionally, avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures are required under CEQA and NEPA for impacts to recreation resources so that those resources may maintain their use.

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Kathy Weatherman  
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The noise analysis for Alternative 2 found that at the seven receptor locations measured along trails in Chino Hills State Park and Featherly Regional Park, noise levels at two receptors would increase by 1 A-weighted decibel (dBA) when the build condition was compared to the existing condition. This increase is minimal and would not be detected by human ears. In addition, because trail use is a transient activity, it does not qualify for noise abatement under FHWA protocol.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4(f) of the United States Department of Transportation Act of 1966, Caltrans has determined that: (1) the temporary occupancy would be short-term, (2) the scope of work within Chino Hills State Park would be minor, (3) there are no anticipated permanent adverse physical impacts, nor will there be interference with the activities or purpose of the park, and (4) the park land would be fully restored.

On behalf of Caltrans Districts 8 and 12, OCTA, and RCTC, and as required by 23 CFR 771.135(p), we hereby request written concurrence from Chino Hills State Park regarding the above conditions and that the TCE to regrade the existing collection basin would not impair the activities, features, or attributes of the park. If you have any questions regarding the proposed project, please contact me at (949) 724-2010, or Sylvia Vega, Office Chief, Environmental Planning at (949) 724-2018.

Sincerely,



**JIM BEIL**  
District Deputy Director  
Capital Outlay Program

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Attachments: Figure 1: Project Location  
Figure 2: Project Components

