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Mr. John Kopchik  
 Contra Costa County Community Development Department  
 651 Pine Street, Fourth Floor North Wing  
 Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Mr. Kopchik:

**East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP) – Draft Environmental Impact Report**

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Department) in the environmental review for the proposed plan. The comments presented below are based on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the HCP/NCCP.

**Encroachment Permit**

Any work or traffic control within the State ROW requires an encroachment permit that is issued by the Department. Traffic-related mitigation measures will be incorporated into the construction plans during the encroachment permit process. See the following website link for more information: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/>

To apply for an encroachment permit, submit a completed encroachment permit application, environmental documentation, and five (5) sets of plans (in metric units) which clearly indicate State ROW to the address at the top of this letterhead, marked ATTN: Sean Nozzari, Office of Permits.

Should you require further information or have any questions regarding this letter, please call Lisa Carboni of my staff at (510) 622-5491.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY C. SABLE  
 District Branch Chief  
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## Response to Letter B, from Caltrans

### Response to Comment B-1

In response to the Draft EIS/EIR, the commenter states that the project applicants, requesting coverage under the HCP/NCCP, are required to secure encroachment permit(s) for any work or traffic control within the State right-of-way.

Project applicants seeking take authorization under the HCP/NCCP would be subject to local and land use agency approvals, including the appropriate level of project-specific CEQA review. As such, they are required to secure encroachment permits, where applicable.

*No changes to the HCP/NCCP or EIS/EIR are required.*

