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**Re: Highway 101: Carpinteria to Santa Barbara, Segment 4D
 Response to Resolution of the Montecito Planning Commission
 21DVP-00000-00022 & 21CDP-00000-00076**

Dear Mr. Schmuckal:

Thank you for providing us with the Resolution regarding the recommendations of the Montecito Planning Commission from the hearing on August 17, 2022. We have reviewed the Resolution, and would like to provide the following comments under Item #2 of the Resolution as noted in the table below.

Article	Original Language	Requested Modifications	Comment
a.	If the new watershed study (updated FEMA effect Map) allows for soundwalls Caltrans shall construct soundwalls in the areas outside the Flood Hazard Overlay.	If the ongoing FEMA effort to update the current effective maps used to govern development in the 4D segment, and Santa Barbara County adopts the mapping and the results are that sound walls previously identified in the Coastal Development Permit application for Segment 4D are no longer located in the Special Flood Hazard Areas within Segment 4D, Caltrans shall construct soundwalls.	<p>There are a number of separate efforts both underway and planned by Santa Barbara County Flood Control which come into play into this recommendation. The 101 team believes the recommendation mixed separate independent efforts such as the FEMA remapping effort and the discussed watershed analysis within the Montecito area. Caltrans has already agreed to participate and partner with funding in a future watershed analysis study; however, this study is not specifically related to the governing of the soundwall implementation. Furthermore, the FEMA maps don't allow or disallow soundwalls, they result in limitations to construction within the Regulatory Floodway.</p> <p>The suggested modifications look to clarify the governing process that would allow implementation of sound walls. The 101 team has discussed with County Flood Control.</p>



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			In addition, the 101 team believes it is appropriate to further clarify that the soundwalls could only be constructed by Caltrans if highway construction has not yet been completed.
b.	The project shall be designed and constructed such that future soundwalls are accommodated.		No comments
c.	The Olive Mill roundabout shall be operational prior to construction of the HWY 101 4D project.		No comments
d.	Tree removal shall be minimized and on-site replanting shall be prioritized.		No comments
e.	If the project does not include soundwalls as a part of HWY 101 Segment 4D, the safety barrier on top of the retaining wall along South Jameson Lane, between San Ysidro and the Rosewood Hotel shall be modified to an open barrier style to minimize sound reflectivity	If the project does not include soundwalls as a part of HWY 101 Segment 4D, the safety barrier on top of the retaining wall along South Jameson Lane, between San Ysidro and the Rosewood Hotel shall be modified to an open barrier style to minimize sound reflectivity	It appears the text updates that were suggested during the hearing and agreed upon did not get incorporated into this recommendation. The suggested modifications are the 101 team's understanding of what could be done to achieve desired result. We also clarified location of retaining wall.
f.	Reclaimed water shall be used for dust mitigation for highway construction. To the maximum extent feasible, landscaping shall be irrigated with reclaimed water.	To the maximum extent feasible, reclaimed water shall be used for dust mitigation for highway construction and irrigation for landscaping	Based on our experience during construction of Segments 4B and 4C, there is no recycled water available within the immediate area in the jurisdiction of the County for dust control. The nearest water source for recycled water is in the City of Santa Barbara. The City of Santa Barbara does not allow recycled water within their limits to be trucked outside of their jurisdiction and released; therefore, we would like to suggest revisions to the language under this recommendation. Caltrans currently captures non-potable water at the construction support site located adjacent to the Padaro Lane/Highway 101 south bound on-ramp; this support site will be used to support construction related to Segment 4D as well. Currently, any sheet flow and surface runoff resulting from water sprayed



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			for dust control is collected in a sump tank (approximately 300 gallons) and pumped back into water trucks for re-use in dust control.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. Thanks again for your time and consideration.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erinn Silva". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light blue rectangular background.

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