



May 30, 2024

The Honorable Joe LaCava
Chair
San Diego River Park Joint Powers Authority
18372 Sycamore Creek Road
Escondido, CA 92025

Re: Damage to the Coast to Crest Trail

Dear Mr. LaCava:

We want to thank you for reaching out to us regarding damage to the Coast to Crest Trail near the Del Mar Equestrian Center facility. We recognize the importance of the trail to the region and to our neighbors, and finding a workable solution remains a priority for the 22nd District Agricultural Association (22nd DAA). Accordingly, we have been working with engineers and project managers since December to assess possibilities for repairing the culvert in a swift and prudent manner.

However, it is also important to note that this is a unique situation that was exacerbated by unusual weather. For your background, we want to detail our efforts and the challenges we have faced during recent months.

In November 2023, the 22nd DAA became aware of concerns about the culvert's condition and proactively commissioned an engineering assessment.

The next month, the 22nd DAA staff met on-site with a contractor to discuss implementing recommendations to provide support for the culvert and restore the existing Coast to Crest Trail bridge.

Unfortunately, storm events in January 2024 occurred before the scope of work and cost estimate could be completed. The near equivalent 100-year storm event — which also damaged 22nd DAA property at the Del Mar Fairgrounds main campus — further exacerbated the condition of the culvert, necessitating emergency actions.

The 22nd DAA quickly applied for and received permission to place riprap at the culvert. The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) jointly issued a Regional General Permit 63 (RGP 63) R9-2024-0046:893425:amongji. In

addition, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) issued Emergency Waiver G-6-24-0018-W.

The emergency action placed approximately five tons of 6-inch riprap. This was done to ensure that the culvert remained intact, as opposed to continued scouring that could result in the structure becoming loose/breaking away into the San Dieguito River. This emergency work was completed in a few hours on February 2, 2024.

Moving forward, the 22nd DAA remains committed to a more permanent solution. The 22nd DAA anticipates receiving a revised project description with an accompanying scope of work, as well as the estimated costs, in the next several weeks. This information will be used by the 22nd DAA to apply for required permits from RWQCB, ACOE and CCC prior to implanting the work effort.

We hope to set up a joint meeting soon between the 22nd DAA, the San Diego Riverpark Joint Powers Authority, and HITS, the 22nd DAA's contracted operator at the Equestrian Center facility, to discuss this matter further once we have more information.

Thank you again for your interest in this matter. We look forward to continuing to work with you in service to our community.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer
22nd District Agricultural Association

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