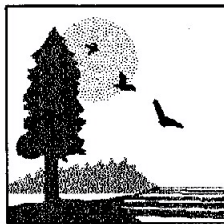


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Cathy Bechtel
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Dear Ms. Bechtel:

SUBJECT: Mid County Parkway Transportation Project, Corps PN 2001-00537

Staff of the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) has reviewed the Corps Notice for the subject project. By way of general background, upon admission to the Union in 1850, California acquired nearly 4 million acres of sovereign land underlying the State's navigable waterways. Such lands include, but are not limited to, the beds of more than 120 navigable rivers and sloughs, nearly 40 navigable lakes, and the 3 mile wide band of tide and submerged lands adjacent to the coast and offshore islands of the State. These lands are managed by the CSLC. The CSLC holds its sovereign interest in these lands subject to the Public Trust for commerce, navigation, fisheries, open space, and preservation of natural environments, among others.


Shortly after becoming a State, California was also granted Sections 16 and 36 (2 square miles), or lands in lieu thereof, out of each township (36 square miles) then held by the federal government. The lands, classified as "School Lands," were given to the State to help support public education. While many of the School Lands were sold off over the years, the State retains an interest in approximately 1.3 million acres of mostly desert and forest lands. State legislation has mandated that revenues from these school lands accrue to the State Teachers Retirement System. The CSLC also has jurisdiction and authority over School Lands and lieu lands.

The project involves the construction of roadway improvements to connect the existing I-15 in Corona to SR-79 in San Jacinto, Riverside County. As we understand it, five alternative alignments are under consideration.

Based on our review of the information contained in the Corps Public Notice, the project does not appear to involve lands under the CSLC's jurisdiction. This conclusion is without prejudice to any future assertion of state ownership or public rights, should circumstances change, or should additional information come to our attention. Therefore, we would appreciate being advised of the final alignment, once it has been selected.

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Smith, Public Land Management Specialist, at (916) 574-1892.

Sincerely,


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