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February 13, 2015

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RE: Comment – Tentative Resolution No. R9-2015-0022, Place ID: 785677

Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

This letter is being written on behalf of the 2,000-plus members of the Buena Vista Audubon Society in Oceanside, CA. We have commented previously against proposals for the Foothill Tollroad based on what we believe would be its extensive environmental impact. We ask you to adopt the staff-recommended findings for denial of the Tesoro Extension. These findings properly reflect the law and the necessity to understand the totality of the Foothill tollroad's impacts to water quality prior to allowing construction to begin.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

*Andrew Mauro*

Andrew Mauro, Director  
Buena Vista Audubon Society



## California Native Plant Society

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

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The California Native Plant Society is a statewide non-profit organization. Its membership is open to all.

CNPS is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of California's native plants and their habitats.

The Orange County Chapter of CNPS focuses that dedication on the native plants and natural vegetation of Orange County and adjacent Southern California.

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Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

The Orange County Chapter of the California Native Plant Society has long been concerned that the San Mateo Creek watershed continue to be Southern California's only remaining undammed, unarmored watershed south of Ventura. It still supports the full range of riparian species and habitats that have largely been extirpated in most of southern California's coastal plain. The natural riparian habitat in turn protects the watershed's water quality. We have made these points throughout all the public processes of the long campaign to defeat the Foothill tollroad.

The proposed Tesoro Extension could too easily lead to further extension of the tollroad down Cristianitos and SanMateo Creeks to I-5. Thus the project threatens the integrity of the San Mateo Creek watershed. We ask you to adopt the staff-recommended findings for denial of the project. These findings properly reflect the law and the necessity to understand the totality of the Foothill tollroad's impacts to water quality--and hence natural habitat--prior to allowing construction to begin.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Respectfully,

Celia Kutcher  
Conservation Chair

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Mr. Darren Bradford  
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**RE: Tentative Resolution No. R9-2015-0022, Place ID: 785677**

Dear Mr. Bradford.

The Malibu Surfing Association (MSA) formed in 1961 as one of California's first surfing clubs. The MSA is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to the fellowship of surfing and to the stewardship of our home break, world-famous Malibu Surfrider Beach. We remain intimately associated with the past, present, and future of Malibu surfing and of Surfrider Beach.

Our members, who collectively represent over 800 years of surfing, value living near the coast, value surfing as their primary recreational activity, and deeply value the commitment that the state has made to establish and manage State Parks and State Beaches.

We write today to ask that you to adopt the staff-recommended findings for denial of the Tesoro Extension (SR241) Project, Orange County. These findings properly reflect the law and the necessity to understand the totality of the Foothill tollroad's impacts to water quality prior to allowing construction to begin.

The Foothill Tollroad would run through some of Southern California's most intact habitat lands in Orange and San Diego Counties and literally bisect San Onofre State Beach. The California Coastal Commission and the U.S. Department Commerce turned it down the TCA's 241 project proposals. Even so, TCA has developed a strategy of first constructing the northern segment called the Tesoro Extension and thus creating pressure for completion. We were part of a coalition who spoke out against their original proposal -- we object with equal voice to this new proposal

We ask the Regional Board to adopt the staff findings and finalize this decision at your hearing on March 16, 2015.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

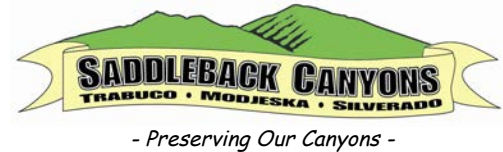
Regards,

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Stewardship Chair  
Malibu Surfing Association

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***Saddleback Canyons Conservancy***

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Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

This letter is submitted in advance of the March 16, 2015 public hearing regarding the proposed extension of the Foothill Tollroad.

The Saddleback Canyons Conservancy, based in Trabuco Canyon, is a non-profit citizens' group dedicated to protecting and enhancing the environment and quality of life in the unincorporated rural canyon areas of southeastern Orange County. Our efforts include environmental advocacy and active involvement in land-use decisions for projects in these unique and biologically rich areas. We have long opposed the extension of the Foothill Tollroad because of its significant environmental impacts and desecration of San Onofre State Park.

We ask you to adopt the staff-recommended findings for **denial** of the Tesoro Extension. These findings properly reflect the law and the necessity to understand the totality of the Foothill SR 241 toll road's impacts to water quality.

We respectfully ask the Regional Board to finalize this decision at your hearing on March 16, 2015. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Gloria Sefton and Rich Gomez  
Co-founders



February 16, 2015

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In 2008, the South Coast Chapter of Trout Unlimited stood up and spoke against the TCA's proposed alignment extension through San Mateo State Park parallel to San Mateo Creek at a San Diego regional Water Board meeting in Del Mar. Our position then as it is now, is that we were not *against* the tollroad per se, but *for* the endangered southern steelhead trout. We repeated this action again in 2013 at your offices in San Diego. We urge the Regional Board to AGAIN deny the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency's ("TCA") application for waste discharge requirements ("WDR") permitting for the so-called Tesoro Extension, the first five-mile segment of the proposed Foothill-South Toll Road in southern Orange County. As before in 2008 and in 2013, it is simply not fish-friendly.

In 2008, both the California Coastal Commission and the Bush Administration rejected the toll road due to its potential devastating impacts. Despite being rejected twice, the TCA remains undeterred and now plans to build the road in segments. This segmentation approach is illegal under both state and federal law. Again, as before, there are other route options that are being ignored.

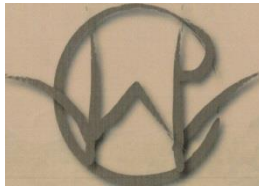
We are concerned the TCA's application does not meet the standards as required by the Southern Orange County Hydromodification Management Plan (HMP). TCA is overlooking impacts to wetlands, the San Juan Creek, and to the surrounding watershed that could subsequently impact coastal resources and ecology. The first section of the road is not only environmentally damaging, but this segment of the road would give the TCA momentum to complete the full road. Their full road would absolutely devastate fragile watersheds, greatly impact San Mateo State Park, San Onofre State Beach and the beloved recreation coastal zone for more than 2.4 million visitors/surfers each year.

As if the impacts to the environment were not bad enough, this first 5-mile segment would be a literal "road to nowhere," ending at a dirt road and threatening to create unnecessary traffic nightmares for thousands of Orange County residents.

For these reasons, we urge the Regional Board to "stay the course" and again DENY waste discharge requirements for the so-called Tesoro Extension project.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

Wild Heritage Planners is an organization based in Southern California dedicated to sustainable environmental planning, protection of wilderness, and creating solutions to our most pressing problems including human-induced climate change. We collaborate with government, industry, and stakeholders as urban planners, transportation advocates, and sustainability advisors. We have been present for more than ten years trying to stop this project and will continue to speak out until smarter, less damaging transportation options are proposed by the Orange County Transportation Corridor Agencies.

We ask you to adopt the staff-recommended findings for denial of the Tesoro Extension. These findings properly reflect the law and the necessity to understand the totality of the Foothill SR 241 toll road's impacts to water quality prior to allowing construction to begin.

Thank you for our consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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