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Mark Delaplaine, Manager,  
Ocean Resources and Federal Consistency  
California Coastal Commission  
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000  
San Francisco, CA 94105

Subject: NE-0001-19, SANDAG

Dear Mr. Delaplaine,

I am writing on behalf of the San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club, and a number of other organizations, in support of NE-0001-19, SANDAG, No Effects Determination for Modification to previously concurred with Consistency Certification CC-0004-15 for the San Elijo Lagoon Double Track Project, Encinitas/Solana Beach, San Diego County.

We reviewed this request at the February meeting of the San Diego Bay Council, a coalition of environmental organizations including representatives of the Sierra Club, the Surfrider Foundation, San Diego Audubon, San Diego Coastkeeper, the Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation, and the Environmental Center of San Diego. No objections were raised to the SANDAG request.

We agree with SANDAG and the North County Transit District that retaining the eastern access road and eliminating a grade crossing at this location will be a significant safety improvement, and will not have any undesirable environmental impacts.

We also agree with the suggestion from the City of Encinitas that there is future potential for incorporating the access road into some public access enhancements.

Thank you for considering our comments.

David Grubb, Transportation Chair,  
Sierra Club San Diego

cc: Rob Rundle, SANDAG  
Hasan Ikhata, SANDAG  
Tony Kranz, NCTD  
Catherine Blakespear, City of Encinitas