



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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Armando Quintero, Director

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Ms. Courtney Pesce
SANDAG
401 B Street, Suite 800
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RE: TransNet Environmental Mitigation Program Land Management Grant Program – Right of Entry for the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation & Assurance of Matching Funds for the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Southern Fore dune and Salt Marsh Restoration Project.

Dear Ms. Pesce,

I am writing to express that California State Parks intends to support the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation (LPLF) on the proposed Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Southern Fore dune and Salt Marsh Restoration Project (Project). Should the project receive funding, staff the San Diego Coast District will issue a Right of Entry Permit to allow work to proceed.

The Project supports California State Parks' efforts to protect and preserve the unique habitats, sensitive and rare plants, and listed species of Los Peñasquitos Lagoon through the removal of invasive species that include sea fig (*Carpobrotus edulis*) and long-flowered veldtgrass (*Ehrharta longiflora*). The project will also extend the benefits of a LPLF led restoration of a 2-acre site located adjacent to the proposed project area and help to expand populations of Nuttall's acmispon (*Acmispon prostrata*), coast woolly heads (*Nemacaulis denudata*), saltgrass (*Distichlis spicata*) and wandering skipper (*Panoquin errans*) by recovering areas of coastal dune and high saltmarsh currently impaired by invasive plants. This letter is assurance that California State Parks will provide \$7,500 of in-kind services through staff time in support of the Project.

Please feel free to contact me at (619) 952-3895 or Darren.smith@parks.ca.gov if you have any questions or need clarification.

Sincerely,

Darren Smith, Senior Environmental Scientist, San Diego Coast District