



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 Yellow Flag Iris Containment and Eradication 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 Yellow Flag Iris Containment and Eradication 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 yellow flag Iris (*Iris pseudacorus*). The project will reduce the State Parks deferred maintenance backlog within the lagoon and help to expand populations native wetland habitats (that support San Diego marsh elder (*Iva hayseiana*), San Diego sagewort (*Artemisia palmeri*), Ridgway's rail, yellow-breasted chat, yellow warbler, and others) 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](mailto:Darren.smith@parks.ca.gov) if you have any questions or need clarification.

Sincerely,

Darren Smith, Senior Environmental Scientist, San Diego Coast District