

Appendix B

Comments Received on the Notice of Preparation

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Mr. Daryl K. Halls
Solano Transportation Authority
One Harbor Center, Suite 130
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Dear Mr. Halls:

Gordon Water Line Relocation Project – Notice of Preparation

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Department) in the early stages of the environmental review process for the Gordon Water Line Relocation Project. The following comments are based on the Notice of Preparation (NOP). As the lead agency, the Solano Transportation Authority is responsible for all project mitigation, including any needed improvements to State highways. The project's fair share contribution, financing, scheduling, implementation responsibilities and lead agency monitoring should be fully discussed for all proposed mitigation measures. This information should also be presented in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan of the environmental document. Required roadway improvements should be completed prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy. Since an encroachment permit is required for work in the state right of way (ROW), and the Department will not issue a permit until our concerns are adequately addressed, we strongly recommend that the Solano Transportation Authority work with both the applicant and the Department to ensure that our concerns are resolved during the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process, and in any case prior to submittal of a permit application. Further comments will be provided during the encroachment permit process.

Encroachment Permit

Please be advised that any work or traffic control that encroaches onto the state ROW requires an encroachment permit that is issued by the Department. To apply, a completed encroachment permit application, environmental documentation, and five (5) sets of plans clearly indicating state ROW must be submitted to the address below. Traffic-related mitigation measures should be incorporated into the construction plans during the encroachment permit process. See the website link below for more information. <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/>

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Please feel free to call or email Luis Melendez of my staff at (510) 286-5606 or Luis_Melendez@dot.ca.gov with any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Halls:

Subject: Gordon Water Line Relocation EIR, Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report, SCH #2009122061, City of Fairfield, Solano County

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the subject project. The project is located within the Rockville Road right-of-way between Suisun Valley Road and approximately 1,600 feet west of Green Valley Road. The project is located within the City of Fairfield in Solano County.

The environmental document should provide a complete assessment (including but not limited to type, quantity and locations) of the habitats, flora and fauna within and adjacent to the project area, including endangered, threatened, and locally unique species and sensitive habitats. The project is located near sensitive oak woodland. Furthermore, suitable habitat for the Callippe silverspot butterfly (*Speyeria callippe callippe*) is present immediately south of Rockville Road. This species is designated as threatened under the Federal Endangered Species Act. The project applicant should consult the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss take avoidance measures for federally-listed species.

The assessment should include the reasonably foreseeable direct and indirect changes (temporary and permanent) that may occur with implementation of the project. Rare, threatened and endangered species to be addressed should include all those which meet the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) definition (see CEQA Guidelines, Section 15380). DFG recommended survey and monitoring protocols and guidelines are available at [http://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/cnddb/pdfs/Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts.pdf](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/cnddb/pdfs/Protocols_for_Surveying_and_Evaluating_Impacts.pdf).

Please be advised that a California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Permit must be obtained if the project has the potential to result in take of species of plants or animals listed under CESA, either during construction or over the life of the project. Issuance of a CESA Permit is subject to CEQA documentation; therefore, the CEQA document must specify impacts, mitigation measures, and a mitigation monitoring and reporting program. If the project will impact CESA listed species, early consultation is encouraged, as significant modification to the project and mitigation measures may be required in order to obtain a CESA Permit.

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For any activity that will divert or obstruct the natural flow, or change the bed, channel, or bank (which may include associated riparian resources) of a river or stream, or use material from a streambed, DFG may require a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA), pursuant to Section 1600 et seq. of the Fish and Game Code, with the applicant. Issuance of an LSAA is subject to CEQA. DFG, as a responsible agency under CEQA, will consider the CEQA document for the project. The CEQA document should fully identify the potential impacts to the stream or riparian resources and provide adequate avoidance, mitigation, monitoring and reporting commitments for completion of the agreement. To obtain information about the LSAA notification process, please access our website at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/habcon/1600/>; or to request a notification package, contact the Lake and Streambed Alteration Program at (707) 944-5520.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Brenda Blinn, Environmental Scientist, at (707) 944-5541; or Mr. Liam Davis, Habitat Conservation Supervisor, at (707) 944-5529.

Sincerely,

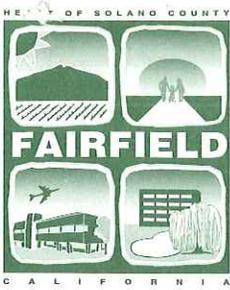


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Re: Gordon Water Line Relocation – Notice of Preparation

Dear Daryl:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation for the Gordon Water Line Environmental Impact Report. Our primary concern is potential impacts on Rockville Hills Park and access to the park during construction. We have the following specific comments about the project and ask that the EIR address these issues:

1. Impacts on Parks and Recreation

The EIR should address potential impacts on the recreational use of Rockville Hills Park, including access to the park during construction. Movement into and out of the park by users should not be interrupted.

2. Impacts on Aesthetic and Biological Resources

Rockville Hills Park has significant biological and aesthetic value. The mitigation measures identified by EIR must minimize or eliminate impacts on these resources. We suggest limiting construction to the public right of way to avoid impacts on the park.

3. Impacts on Public Facilities

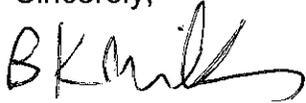
The EIR should incorporate ways to reduce or eliminate impacts on City of Fairfield public facilities. Any work encroaching on Rockville Hills Park driveways will require an encroachment permit from the City of Fairfield, and any pavement removed or damaged (including driveways) shall be replaced or repaired per City of Fairfield Standard Specifications.

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The project description should include clear diagrams showing where the actual construction work will be occurring, the extent of excavation, and any impacts on City of Fairfield property.

Should you have any questions, feel free to call me at 428-7446.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B Miller", with a stylized flourish at the end.

BRIAN MILLER
Associate Planner

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