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RE: Draft EIR for 2800 Casitas Ave. Project (ENV-2016-2862-EIR; State Clearinghouse No. 2017021051)

Dear Erin Strellich:

California State Parks, Angeles District (DPR), has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the 2800 Casitas Avenue Project and would like to provide the following comments:

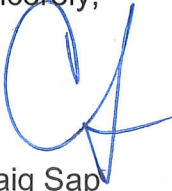
DPR does not support Fire Access Road Option #3, and does not intend to grant permission to locate a secondary emergency access route for the project on Rio de Los Angeles State Park land. Permanent encumbrances that do nothing to contribute toward the Department's mission are not appropriate use of DPR property.

Furthermore, California State Parks is about to embark upon a community-driven, Conceptual Design for the future permanent state park at the Bowtie parcel. The site is oddly shaped and 35 feet wide at its narrowest point. Any permanent encumbrance or restriction over the site would greatly inhibit DPR's ability to design a park that is responsive to the needs of the surrounding communities and fulfills our Urban Strategic Initiative in Los Angeles. The Park will be designed as a day-use park that will be closed to visitors and vehicle traffic from sunset to sunrise.

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A road easement at Rio de Los Angeles State Park would not support the purpose of the acquisition, create a burden of ongoing maintenance and other intrusions, limit future opportunities, not be the highest best use of the property, and not serve the best interest of the citizens of California. We therefore request that you remove Option 3 from any further consideration with regards to the Las Casitas development project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CS', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Craig Sap  
District Superintendent  
Angeles District