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Subject: Draft Central Coast Highway 1 Resiliency Study Report

Dear Ms. Adamson:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Draft Central Coast Highway 1 Resiliency Study Report. Due to [projected sea level rise](#) between the cities of Monterey and Santa Cruz, Highway One will be affected in the following areas: Elkhorn Slough, Watsonville, Moss Landing south of Dolan Road and Castroville. Since the goal of the Resiliency Study is to maintain a coastal connection between Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties, what are the plans for addressing the segments other than the one for Elkhorn Slough?

The cost/benefit analysis for the inland route should consider that much of Moss Landing will be severely affected by sea level rise. Indeed, much of the town and power plant are projected to be under water, [assuming a 3' rise in sea level](#) (see map below). Is an inland route the least costly alternative when the cumulative cost/benefits for all improvements -- Moss Landing road, other sections of Highway 1, and other public infrastructure -- are considered?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael D. DeLapa
Executive Director

