

Memorandum

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Environmental Planning

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From : (Name)
Landscape Architecture
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Subject : **Scenic Resource Evaluation and Visual Impact Assessment**

This project, located on Highway 1 north of Cayucos has been reviewed for potential impacts to visual resources. The project proposes informal parking at pullouts (permeable surface), maintained connectivity to coastal access, re-defined access points, interpretive site amenities and furnishings, re-contoured slopes, exotic plant removal, and native plant restoration. There are eleven locations proposed for modifications and improvements along this approximately three-mile stretch of Highway 1.

Highway 1 through the project limits is classified as an All-American Road in the National Scenic Byway system as well as a Designated State Scenic Highway. The project is within the Coastal Zone, and is considered a sensitive corridor regarding visual resource issues. Ocean views are available from the highway along most of the length of the project.

Review of the project site and project plans indicate that the project would not result in substantial adverse impacts to the visual environment. The heights and locations proposed berms, interpretive information, native shrubs and other amenities would be minimized such that no ocean views would be reduced. Visual access to coastal resources would be increased by improved ingress and egress to the site and improved ADA considerations.

Removal of exotic plant species and revegetation with native plants would help restore the site to a more natural condition, making it more consistent with the indigenous aesthetic of the area. Materials and design of site features are proposed to be appropriate for the rural visual character of this coastal location.

This review indicates that the project would not adversely affect any "Designated Scenic Resource" as defined by CEQA statutes or guidelines, or by Caltrans policy.

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