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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

A2509010

Application of the City of San Juan Capistrano to construct a public multi-use trail crossing beneath the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA/Metrolink) Orange Subdivision bridge where it crosses Trabuco Creek at Milepost 195.81 (Proposed Federal DOT# 997302A and CPUC Crossing No. 101OR-195.81-BD) within the City of San Juan Capistrano and County of Orange, California.

Application No. A2509010
(Filed September 24, 2025)
(Amended October 20, 2025)
(Response to Inquiry January 6, 2026)
(Presentation Slides February 9, 2026)
(Supplemental Information Request April 28, 2026)
(60-day status update June 26, 2026)
(60-day status update August 21, 2026)

Supplemental Information Request from March 25, 2026; 60-day Status Update

In regards to Application No. A2509010 to construct a public multi-use trail crossing beneath the Southern California Regional Rail Authority Orange Subdivision bridge where it crosses Trabuco Creek at Milepost 195.81 (Proposed Federal DOT No. 997302A and CPUC Crossing No. 101OR-195.81-BD) within the City of San Juan Capistrano and County of Orange, California, a Scoping Memo and Ruling was submitted and distributed to the Service List on March 25, 2026. Responses to Section 4. Supplemental Information Request and Status Updates and Section 5. Hydraulic Analysis Questions were submitted on April 28, 2026. A 60-day status update was submitted on June 26, 2026. The response herein provides a 60-day status update regarding outstanding items since the June 26, 2026 response.

Section 4. Supplemental Information Request and Status Updates – Requests with Responses

1. Supplemental Information regarding Hydraulic Analysis (see the questions below in Section 5 – Hydraulic Analysis Questions).

Response: Full responses to the Hydraulic Analysis questions were provided with the April 28, 2026 submission. If there are any additional questions or if additional information is required, please advise, and California Trout will respond accordingly.

2. SCRRA confirmation that the project design will not impact the structure.

Response: California Trout and their Engineering Design Team continue to coordinate with SCRRA, via Wellington Chu of AECOM, regarding final design approval of the proposed fish passage structure. AECOM was contracted by SCRRA to lead final design review, and Wellington Chu is serving as SCRRA's point of contact regarding the review process. AECOM, on behalf of SCRRA, completed their initial review of the Design Package and provided comments to CalTrout on May 11, 2026. CalTrout's Design Team reviewed the comments and submitted responses to AECOM and SCRRA on June 9, 2026 to address questions and concerns. AECOM reviewed CalTrout's responses and submitted comments requiring additional clarification on July 8, 2026. At this time, there are two engineering design items that remain unresolved.

1. AECOM and SCRRA will need to review the design and design criteria for the equestrian bridge to ensure that its design and location will not adversely affect the existing bridge structure and foundation and accommodates access for bridge inspection/maintenance.
2. AECOM and SCRRA request a detailed description of how vibration monitoring will be executed during construction. A vibration monitoring plan was submitted to AECOM and SCRRA on 8/21/2026 for their review. Approval of this plan is pending.

CalTrout's Design Team is actively reviewing these outstanding items and preparing responses for further review by AECOM and SCRRA. CalTrout acknowledges that these open items need to be addressed prior to any formal approvals being granted by SCRRA.

3. Final environmental documentation and certification.

Response: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – Restoration Center (NOAA RC) has accepted the role of Federal Lead for NEPA and the coordination of all required federal environmental permits. NOAA RC continues to coordinate with California Trout, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and NOAA – National Marine Fisheries Service to review applications and ensure Project compliance with all federal regulatory environmental permitting requirements. San

Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SDRWQCB) has confirmed their role as Lead for CEQA. California Trout submitted a Notice of Intent for application on March 31, 2026, and SDRWQCB deemed the application complete and has prepared a draft NOA to be issued upon completion of Tribal Consultation. Tribal Consultation between the local Tribes, NOAA, and SDRWQCB is expected to be formally initiated in the next two weeks. Over the past decade, California Trout has engaged with these regulatory agencies and incorporated their input into the development of the project to allow for efficient permitting review and compliance. California Trout and the Project Team will respond to requests for additional information expeditiously to facilitate review processing. Updates regarding approvals/certification will be provided to the Service List as they are received.

4. Any other relevant project information

Response: California Trout will respond to any additional questions or requests for information and will provide additional relevant project information upon receipt of requests.

5. Confirmation from the Applicant that all documentation has been filed and is ready for the proceeding record to be closed and submitted.

Response: California Trout will provide confirmation that all documentation has been filed. As of the date of this response, there are outstanding items as described in the above responses.

Signed: **21st** day of **August** (month), 2026.

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