

CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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Ms. Jennifer Lucchesi Executive Officer California State Lands Commission 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100 South Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Ms. Lucchesi,

I am writing to express support from the City of San Clemente for the continued concurrent jurisdiction associated with the California State Parks and Cristianitos Road. This arrangement has proven to be highly beneficial for both our local law enforcement and the community since 1971. Concurrent jurisdiction has allowed local law enforcement officers to respond and enforce regulations on specified areas of federal property, including State Park land, thereby ensuring a cohesive approach to public safety and order.

Without concurrent jurisdiction, our law enforcement officers would be limited in their ability to address certain issues on these lands, particularly those involving public safety and homelessness. Otherwise, federal officers are limited to either the detention of individuals with a transfer to local authorities, or eviction. These options are not always the most effective manner to address individual concerns. Conversely, concurrent jurisdiction empowers local authorities to better serve the community by allowing them to address violations and manage safety concerns directly on the State Park property, thus improving overall efficiency and coordination.

Issues like moving violations, homelessness, and illegal parking do not recognize lines drawn on a map. The continuation of this jurisdiction is critical for maintaining public safety and ensuring that law enforcement efforts are not hindered by jurisdictional boundaries. It serves the best interests of the State of California (State Parks), USMC Camp Pendelton, and the City of San Clemente by fostering effective collaboration and responsiveness. We respectfully request that the State Land Commission approve the continued concurrent jurisdiction in the lease renewal request. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Andy Háll City Manager City of San Clemente