

Attachment 2

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**Subject: Budget Amendment #2 for Final EIR**

Based on discussions between SCCRTC staff, legal counsel and ourselves, it was agreed the limited additional technical analyses are needed to respond to specific comments on the analysis contained in the Draft EIR. The additional analyses are described below.

Noise Analysis

The additional noise analysis will involve noise measurements of actual BUDD rail cars in use in the Portland, Oregon area and additional noise measurements along the proposed rail corridor. BUDD rail cars are currently being used in the Portland area for recreational service. Our noise consultant will travel to the Portland, Oregon area to take noise measurements of trains in use along this rail corridor. We will attempt to take these measurements in similar settings (i.e. residential) along the rail corridor. These measurements will help refine the calculations of noise increases resulting from the proposed recreational rail service along the proposed rail corridor in Santa Cruz area. While there we will also take photographs and possible video clips of the trains in operation to help depict the proposed rail service in the Santa Cruz area. In addition, several 24-hour noise measurements will be taken along the proposed rail corridor to verify existing noise levels along the corridor.

Cost: \$4,500

Air Quality

A screening level health risk assessment will be conducted. The screening level analysis will focus on calculating diesel emissions from the proposed rail cars while idling at stations and end of the line locations. We will contact the rail operator in the Portland, Oregon area to collect information on the actual idling times at stations and end of the line locations, as well as more specific information about the engine types being used. The screening analysis will then calculate the diesel emission levels at the closest sensitive receptor(s) to the stations and end of the line locations for the proposed rail service.

Cost: \$2,500

Total Budget Amendment Request: \$7,000

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Steinwert', written in a cursive style.

Scott Steinwert  
Principal