



Mr. Ken White  
President  
Carmel Area Wastewater District  
3945 Rio Road  
Carmel, CA 93922

Dear Ken,

On behalf of the Carmel Residents Association (CRA), we are pleased to express our strong support for the *Bridge to Everywhere* project. Since our founding in 1987, the CRA has been steadfast in its commitment to protecting and enriching the traditional quality of life in Carmel-by-the-Sea while preserving its heritage and natural beauty through education, community activities, and advocacy.

The *Bridge to Everywhere* project aligns closely with our mission by promoting responsible and sustainable infrastructure that enhances accessibility while respecting the unique character of our community. By providing a thoughtfully designed and environmentally sensitive connection, this project will facilitate improved mobility, encourage community engagement, and ensure a balanced approach to growth that honors our cherished landscapes.

We recognize the extensive planning and collaboration that have gone into ensuring the bridge's design harmonizes with our natural surroundings. Moreover, we appreciate the project's efforts to incorporate input from local residents, environmental experts, and civic leaders. Such a collaborative approach is essential in maintaining the integrity of Carmel-by-the-Sea while addressing the evolving needs of our community.

The CRA fully supports the *Bridge to Everywhere* project and encourages its advancement as a vital initiative that fosters connectivity, sustainability, and the continued enrichment of our community. We appreciate your efforts and look forward to seeing this project come to fruition.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can offer further assistance or collaboration in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Graeme Robertson  
President

**Carmel Residents Association**

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To: Carmel City Council  
From: Carmel Valley Association  
Carmel Valley CA 93924

PO Box 157

January 30, 2025

re. Rio Park

Dear Mayor Dale Byrne, and  
Councilmembers Jeff Barron, Hans Buder, Bob Delves, Alissandra Dramov,

The Carmel Valley Association (CVA) wishes to make known to the City Council its support for the granting of a long-term lease of Rio Park to the Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) at a nominal cost for enhancement of outdoor recreational activity in our region.

The flooding that inundated Mission Fields during the '95 winter has roughly a thirty-year return period and the park appears to have the same challenges for development, so we think its highest and best use is recreational. Our members living on both sides of Highway 1 are enthusiastic about eventually being able to walk safely between the Palo Corona Regional Park trail system and the City of Carmel without having to navigate a dangerous highway. While the CVA's board recognizes that Rio Park is not a necessity for access to the CAWD bridge, it is our view that an enhanced Rio Park would function as a pleasant resting place while walking to and from either side of the river. Recreational amenities are attractive to tourism, as well.

It is the CVA's hope that we can announce to the general membership at our March meeting that the Carmel City Council in its wisdom has granted a lease.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Gawain, President, Carmel Valley Association

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FRIENDS OF  
**MISSION TRAIL**  
NATURE PRESERVE

February 24, 2025

Carmel Area Wastewater District  
Bridge to Everywhere Committee  
3945 Rio Road  
Carmel, CA 93922

Dear BTE Committee:

The Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve (FOMTNP) fully endorse the Carmel Area Wastewater District's plan to build a new replacement bridge across the Carmel River. This Bridge to Everywhere project (BTE) aims to:

- Connect local and regional trails, including the California Coastal Trail
- Facilitate hiking, biking, pedestrian, and emergency access
- Offer a safer route for Carmel River School students and others navigating around the congested Carmel Mission
- Restore six acres of Rio Park and create a direct link to Mission Trail Nature Preserve and Carmel River Free Project
- And, Establish a critical connection between Palo Corona Regional Park and the Pacific Ocean

This letter of support emphasizes that this project is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and encourages action to ensure its realization.

Sincerely,

Karen Ferlito, President

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