Email Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan (District 16) and Senator McNerney (District 5) to support Tesla Reserve

Send separate emails to Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer Kahan and Senator Jerry McNerney. Contact information for each follows. Three (3) sample emails follow, but you can (should) customize your message as you chose:

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Short sample email #1 – Customize as you determine. Send to each legislator separately with copy to their staff:

Subject: Please Support establishing Tesla as a State Natural Reserve

Dear <Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan, or Senator McNerney – Send to each separately. Copy their staff.>:

[*If applicable -* As your constituent,] I am asking for your support to establish Tesla as a State Natural Reserve. We need your urgent help because State Parks plans to release the general plan and EIR by the end of the year. We cannot let Tesla's irreplaceable resource values be damaged by short term thinking.

Tesla has natural and cultural resources of statewide significance that exceed the statute for Reserve classification (Public Resources Code Section 5019.65(a)) from extraordinary biodiversity, to an essential critical linkage wildlife corridor, to important historic and pre-historic cultural resources.

There has consistently been overwhelming public support for Tesla to be a Reserve. The excuse that there is more demand from the Central Valley for high-intensity recreation development is false. [*If applicable -* I live in the Central Valley.] There are no Reserves anywhere in our region, but there are many parks that provide camping, bike/e-bike and OHV use.

We need your help and strong leadership now to create a lasting legacy that serves our region and state. Please write to State Parks and the State Parks and Recreation Commission to establish Tesla as a State Natural Reserve under PRC 5019.65(a). Please use your power to press State Parks and the Commission to make a Natural Reserve plan for Tesla the basis of its general plan and EIR.

Sincerely,

<name and city>

Shorter sample email #2 – Customize as you determine. Send to each legislator separately with copy to their staff:

Subject: Please Support establishing Tesla as a State Natural Reserve

Dear <Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan, or Senator McNerney – Send to each separately. Copy their staff.>:

[*If applicable* - As your constituent,] I am asking for your support to establish Tesla as a State Natural Reserve. We need your urgent help because State Parks plans to release the general plan and EIR by the end of the year. That will set in motion a destructive hard-to-change course for this special land.

Tesla has natural and cultural resources of statewide significance exceeding the elements of the Reserve classification statute (Public Resources Code Section 5019.65(a)). Tesla is a biodiversity hotspot with at least 100 special status plants and animals,. It is a critical linkage wildlife corridor, botanical priority protection area, designated critical habitat for threatened species, important bird area, and essential climate change refugia. It holds important historic resources, including the historic Tesla town and mine site. It is part of the ancestral lands of the Northern Valley Yokuts and Ohlone who are working to protect the entire tribal cultural landscape.

There has consistently been overwhelming public support for Tesla to be a Reserve, which would allow public access for low-intensity recreation for enjoyment and education. The excuse that there is more demand from the Central Valley for high-intensity recreation development is false, but also does not change the need for Tesla to be a Reserve. [*If applicable* - I live in the Central Valley, and] I know we need a Tesla Reserve to offer high quality recreation that makes resource protection the priority. This is especially true because State Parks has land immediately adjacent to Tesla which is already impacted, and where high-intensity uses, such as campgrounds, and biking/e-biking, should be located so as not to damage Tesla's irreplaceable natural landscape.

We need your help and strong leadership now to create a lasting legacy that serves our region and state. Please work to establish Tesla as a State Natural Reserve under PRC 5019.65(a). Please write to State Parks and the State Parks and Recreation Commission (and ex officio members). Please use your power to press State Parks and the Commission to make a Natural Reserve plan for Tesla the basis of its general plan and EIR.

Sincerely,

<name and city>

Longer sample email #3 – Customize as you determine. Send to each legislator separately with copy to their staff:

Subject: Please Support establishing Tesla as a State Natural Reserve

Dear <Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan, or Senator McNerney – Send to each separately. Copy their staff.>:

[If applicable - As your constituent,] I am asking for your support to establish Tesla as a State Natural Reserve. We need your urgent help, because State Parks plans to release the general plan and EIR by the end of the year. Once that is done it sets in motion a destructive hard-to-change course. Your support now is critical to prevent for this special land from being irreparably damaged.

From you prior work, you know Tesla and why it is so important to establish it as a Reserve.

- Tesla holds natural and cultural resources of statewide significance as provided for the statute for Reserve classification (Public Resources Code Section 5019.65(a))
- Tesla is a biodiversity hotspot with at least 100 special status plants and animals. It is a critical linkage wildlife corridor, botanical priority protection area, designated critical habitat for threatened species, important bird area, and essential climate change refugia
- Tesla holds important historic resources, including the historic Tesla town and mine site and surrounding hamlets identified by State Parks as eligible for listing on the National Registry of Historic Places
- Tesla is part of the ancestral lands of the Northern Valley Yokuts, Ohlone and other tribes in the area who are working to protect the entire tribal cultural landscape in addition to many specific archeological features

There has consistently been overwhelming public support for Tesla to be a Reserve, which would allow public access for low-intensity recreation for enjoyment and education, such as hiking, nature appreciation, natural and cultural resource interpretation and tours.

State Parks is trying to justify high-intensity recreation uses in Tesla by saying the Central Valley needs more parks. More parks are good. But that does not mean more high-intensity damaging uses are needed or appropriate in Tesla. *[If applicable* - I live in the Central Valley, and what we need is a Tesla Reserve to offer high quality low-intensity recreation that makes resource protection the priority. Almost every other local, regional and State Park in our area, including in the Central Valley, allows high- intensity recreation uses and associated development, including camping and biking/e-biking. But there are no State Reserves. Further, immediately adjacent to Tesla, State Parks has 300 acres of other land, plus Carnegie SVRA, which are already impacted, where high-intensity uses, such as campgrounds, and biking/e-biking, should be located so as not to impact Tesla. This would actually provide the needed range of outdoor recreation experiences in distinct areas and protect irreplaceable resources while providing a broad range of access for all.

We need your help and strong leadership now to create a lasting legacy that serves our region and state. Once opened to such high-intensity uses, we will never get it back. Please work to establish Tesla as a State Natural Reserve under PRC 5019.65(a). Please write to State Parks and the State Parks and Recreation Commission (and ex officio members). Please use your power to press State Parks and the Commission to make a Natural Reserve plan for Tesla the basis of its general plan and EIR.

Sincerely,

<name and city>