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RGP 94 – Channel Maintenance Activities Env 20-0004
MND/SCH#2012121063

Ms. Alicia Appel
City of Escondido
201 North Broadway
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Dear Ms. Appel:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the RGP 94- Channel Maintenance Activities "Channel Maintenance Program Implementation & Renewal Project" Env 20-0004 located near Interstate 15 (I-15) and State Route 78 (SR-78). The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. The Local Development-Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities.

Caltrans has the following comments:

Hazardous Waste

Section IX – *Hazards and Hazardous Materials:*

A hazardous waste concern for this project is aerially deposited lead (ADL). Elevated levels of ADL are common in the soil adjacent to State highways and can also be found underneath some existing road surfaces due to past construction activities. ADL is usually found within 30 feet of the edge of the pavement and within the top six inches of the soil. In some cases, the lead is as deep as two to three feet below the surface. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) sets regulatory thresholds for lead in soil, based on risk assessment work performed by CalEPA's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA). It is the

Permittee's responsibility to comply with the DTSC ADL requirements for roadway soil management.

Environmental

The analysis presented does not have any impact on Caltrans Right-of-Way. Should elements of the project and/or mitigation measures change to effect Caltrans Right-of-Way, Caltrans would then have discretionary authority of a portion of the project that is in Caltrans' Right-of-Way (R/W) through the form of an encroachment permit process.

An encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans' R/W prior to construction. As part of the encroachment permit process, the applicant must provide approved final environmental documents for this project, corresponding technical studies, and necessary regulatory and resource agency permits. Specifically, any CEQA determinations or exemptions. The supporting documents must address all environmental impacts within the Caltrans' R/W and address any impacts from avoidance and/or mitigation measures.

Right-of-Way

- Per Business and Profession Code 8771, perpetuation of survey monuments by a licensed land surveyor is required, if they are being destroyed by any construction.
- Any work performed within Caltrans R/W will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans R/W prior to construction.

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Additional information regarding encroachment permits may be obtained by contacting the Caltrans Permits Office at (619) 688-6158 or by visiting the website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/ep/index.html>. Early coordination with Caltrans is strongly advised for all encroachment permits.

If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Dodson, of the Caltrans Development Review Branch, at (619) 985-1587 or by e-mail sent to Kimberly.Dodson@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

electronically signed by

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