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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

April 2, 2019

Roshanak Aflaki  
Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
6100 Woodley Ave  
Van Nuys, CA 91406

RE: Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant  
Easement Implementation – Mitigated  
Negative Declaration (MND)  
SCH # 2019039045  
GTS # 07-LA-2019-02362  
Vic. LA-405/PM: 41.257

Dear Roshanak Aflaki:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for this Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The proposed project is the issuance of a long-term easement for the operation of the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant (Plant) in the Sepulveda Dam Flood Control Reservoir. Issuance of a new easement requires raising the existing dikes to meet flood protection requirements. The proposed project also includes a suite of components that would be undertaken to update Plant facilities. These components include the construction of a Multi-Purpose Building in service to the Japanese Garden needs, and two capital improvement projects to improve flow-metering in maintenance vaults and sewer service within the Plant grounds.

After reviewing the MND, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facilities.

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

Also, storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles county. Please consider deigning the project to discharge clean run-off water. The completed project could incorporate green design elements that can capture storm water. Incorporating measures such as permeable pavement, landscaping, and trees to reduce urban water run-off could be considered.

If you have any questions, please contact Reece Allen, the project coordinator, at reece.allen@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2019-02362

Sincerely,

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cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse