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Mr. Ray Evangelista
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
1021 E. Miramar Avenue
Claremont, CA 91711

RE: TVMWD Miragrand Groundwater Production
Well – Mitigated Negative Declaration
(MND)
SCH # 2019099096
GTS # 07-LA-2019-02845
Vic. LA-210/PM: R51.473

Dear Mr. Ray Evangelista:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The proposed project involves the construction of a new groundwater production well to be housed within an approximate 600-square-foot building and associated discharge pipeline to connect the well to the Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD) Miramar Treatment Plant located at 1021 E. Miramar Avenue. The purpose of the project is for the TVMWD to produce approximately 700 to 800 acre-feet per year (AFY) of groundwater to increase local water supplies and improve overall water supply reliability. The Three Valleys Municipal Water District is considered the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The nearest State facility to the proposed project is the Interstate 210 (I-210), which is located approximately a mile from the project. After reviewing the MND, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facilities.

The following information is included for your consideration.

As a reminder, Senate Bill 743 (2013) mandates that Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) be used as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts of all future development projects under CEQA, starting July 1, 2020. For information on determining transportation impacts in terms of VMT on the State Highway System, see the Technical Advisory on Evaluating Transportation Impacts in CEQA by the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research, dated December 2018: [http://opr.ca.gov/docs/20190122-743 Technical Advisory.pdf](http://opr.ca.gov/docs/20190122-743_Technical_Advisory.pdf).

If construction traffic is expected to cause delays on state facilities, please submit the Traffic Control Plan detailing the number of construction trips and potential mitigation measures for Caltrans' review. Also, 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. Caltrans supports large size truck trips to be limited to off-peak commute periods to minimize congestion and ensure maximum safety conditions for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

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Finally, storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles county. Please be mindful that the project needs to be designed to discharge clean run-off water.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Gibson, the project coordinator, at Emily.Gibson@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2019-02845.

Sincerely,



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cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse