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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

SCH# 2019109030, County Line Road Transportation Corridor Mitigated Negative Declaration

Dear Ms. Askew:

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) State Water Projects Division of Operations and Maintenance (O&M) staff has reviewed the Cities of Calimesa and Yucaipa's Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed County Line Transportation Corridor Project. O&M staff is providing these comments pursuant to DWR's regulatory responsibilities under Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 23, § 601 et seq. and Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 15096.

### **Project Description**

The project proposes to improve an existing section of County Line Road from Park Avenue to Bryant Street by acquiring additional right-of-way and redesigning intersections and road segments within the project limits. The project will be managed jointly by the cities of Calimesa and Yucaipa and is within both San Bernardino County and Riverside County.

### **Specific Comment**

We request the following be addressed in the final MND prepared for the proposed project.

### **Section 2.9 Other Public Agencies Whose Approval Is Required**

DWR is a Public Agency whose Approval is Required when a proposed project involves work within the State Water Project (SWP) right-of-way. When work is located within the right-of-way, the project proponent must obtain an encroachment permit prior to construction. The proposed County Line Road Transportation Corridor project may encroach on State Water Project right-of-way.

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The specific activities of concern are: grading, substrate preparation, and paving at the proposed roadway alignment at the intersection of County Line Road and Bryant Street which may encroach on the State Water Project's right-of-way for the 54-inch diameter East Branch Extension Pipeline (EBX). The project has the potential to significantly impact other elements of the EBX pipeline including, but not limited to, offset-from-EBX-pipeline facilities such as the cathodic protection test station and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District turnout stub.

Please add DWR to the section 2.9 list of Public Agencies Whose Approval Is Required. DWR encourages the lead agency to contact DWR O&M staff to discuss whether the proposed project may require an encroachment permit. Information regarding DWR encroachment permits can be found at:  
<https://www.water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Real-Estate/Encroachment-Permits>.

Please provide DWR with a copy of any subsequent project environmental or other documentation when it becomes available for public review by sending the document to:

Leroy Ellinghouse, Chief  
SWP Right-of-Way Management Section  
Division of Operations and Maintenance  
Department of Water Resources  
1416 Ninth Street, Room 641-1  
Sacramento, California 95814

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the project. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Williams at (916) 653-5746.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Finch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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