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Union Public Utility District
IS/MND**

Mr. Bill Eltringham, General Manager
Union Public Utility District
339 Main Street Murphys,
CA 95247

Dear Mr. Eltringham:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review the Union Public Utility District backwash/Recycling and Tank Aeration Project near the town of Murphys CA. The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) describes facility improvements proposed on the eastern side of State Route 4 (SR 4). The Union Public Utility District (UPUD) is in the process of obtaining a State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan to make backwash/recycling and tank aeration improvements at three of its existing facilities. The purpose of the Project is to provide the UPUD with the infrastructure needed to address its current and planned future distribution and storage needs and achieve regulatory compliance for trihalomethanes.

Caltrans has reviewed the IS/MND and have the following comments:

At this time, there appears to be no direct effect of hazardous material, sediments and other contaminants to the State Route drainage system. However, as SR 4 is downstream of the proposed facility improvements, Caltrans is concerned about the following statement found on page 52 of the IS/MND, "The proposed Project could potentially result in increased storage and use of hazardous materials beyond current operations and consequently increase the risk of accidental release of hazardous materials." If these hazardous materials have potential to enter Caltrans Right of Way, an Emergency Response Plan should be submitted to Caltrans prior to construction. For work in waters that have potential to flow into Caltrans ROW, compliance with federal, state and local regulations is required. Implement the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System for the proposed improvement project.

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Truck turning templates should be submitted for review depending on the size of the trucks required for construction turning off SR 4 onto the local road. If construction activities will impact traffic on SR 4, including signage or potential lane closure a Traffic Management Plan and Encroachment Permit will be required.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these comments, please contact Kevin Schroder at (209) 941-1947 (e-mail: kevin.schroder@dot.ca.gov), or me at (209) 948-7325 (e-mail: gregoria.ponce@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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