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06-TUL-43-3.08 (WELL)

06-TUL-43-4.24 (TANK)

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
ALLENSWORTH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
SCH # 2020069009

SENT VIA EMAIL

Mr. Curtis Skaggs
Dee Jasper & Associates Inc.
2730 Unicorn Road, Bldg. #A
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Dear Mr. Skaggs:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) proposing a new water Well and new steel water storage Tank (Project) for the community of Allensworth, CA.

The Project operational information and site plans submitted indicate both the Well and Storage Tank will be connected by pipeline to the existing water distribution system for the Allensworth Community Services District, and none of the new connection pipeline for the Well or Storage Tank will traverse SR 43.

Project construction timelines estimate the Well site drilling will take 1 – 2 months, the Well pump connection will take 6 - 8 months, and the Storage Tank construction will take 4 – 5 months.

The water Well site is located on the south side of Road 88 Alignment (aka Road 32) between Road 104 and Road 112; approximately 2.5 miles east of the State Route (SR) 43/Road 88 intersection. The Storage Tank site is located on the west side of Road 84, approximately 1.5 miles south of the SR 43/Road 84 intersection in the community of Allensworth, CA.

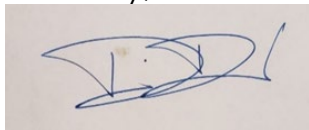
The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. To ensure a safe and efficient transportation system, we encourage early consultation and coordination with local jurisdictions and project proponents on all development projects that utilize the multimodal transportation network.

Caltrans provides the following comments consistent with the State's smart mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and sustainable communities:

1. Caltrans has determined that the Project will have minimal impact to the State Highway System (SHS), specifically to SR 43 based on the operational information provided in the MND.
2. If any work is required within the Caltrans ROW for SR 43 for the Project or to the existing distribution pipeline a Caltrans Encroachment Permit is required.
3. An encroachment permit must be obtained for all proposed activities for placement of encroachments within, under or over the State highway rights-of-way. Activity and work planned in the State right-of-way shall be performed to State standards and specifications, at no cost to the State. Engineering plans, calculations, specifications, and reports (documents) shall be stamped and signed by a licensed Engineer or Architect. Engineering documents for encroachment permit activity and work in the State right-of-way may be submitted using English Units. The Permit Department and the Environmental Planning Branch will review and approve the activity and work in the State right-of-way before an encroachment permit is issued. The Streets and Highways Code Section 670 provides Caltrans discretionary approval authority for projects that encroach on the State Highway System. Encroachment permits will be issued in accordance with Streets and Highway Codes, Section 671.5, "Time Limitations." Encroachment permits do not run with the land. A change of ownership requires a new permit application. Only the legal property owner or his/her authorized agent can pursue obtaining an encroachment permit. Please call the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office - District 6: 1352 W. Olive, Fresno, CA 93778, at (559) 488-4058. Please review the permit application checklist at: <https://forms.dot.ca.gov/v2Forms/servlet/FormRenderer?frmId=TR0402&distPath=MAOTO&brapath=PERM>

If you have any other questions, please call me at (559) 488-7396.

Sincerely,



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