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July 22, 2020

Malinda Stalvey
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RE: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern
California Climate Action Plan (NOP)
SCH # 2020060450
GTS # 07-MULTIPLE-2020-00165
Vic. Six-County Southern California Region

Dear Malinda Stalvey,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for this Notice of Preparation (NOP). Metropolitan is preparing a Program EIR for a Climate Action Plan (CAP) that will outline a strategy for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with future construction, operation, and maintenance activities. The CAP is a roadmap that analyzes historical and forecasts future GHG emissions; sets a GHG reduction target for reducing emissions consistent with state policies; and identifies a suite of reduction actions that Metropolitan can choose from to achieve the adopted target consistent with Section 15183.5 of the CEQA Guidelines. The CAP is a customized roadmap for making informed decisions and understanding where and how to achieve emissions reductions that conform to Metropolitan's mission/goals in a meaningful and cost-effective manner. While a CAP identifies potential projects that may be implemented to meet GHG reduction goals, no specific projects will be implemented without further CEQA review.

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

Caltrans supports the Metropolitan Water District's efforts to reduce GHG emissions and adapt to changing climate conditions. If applicable in the project area, please refer to Caltrans' Climate Change Vulnerability Assessments when completing future CEQA documents.
<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-planning/2019-climate-change-vulnerability-assessments>

If you have any questions, please contact Reece Allen, the project coordinator, at reece.allen@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-MULTIPLE-2020-00165

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Miya Edmonson".

MIYA EDMONSON
IGR/CEQA Branch Chief

cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse