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**TUO-108-PM R11.435**  
**Sierra Pines Water Treatment Facility**  
**Tuolumne Utility District**  
**Mitigated Negative Declaration**  
**State Clearinghouse (2020100181)**

Dear Mr. Johnson,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for Sierra Pines Water Treatment Facility, State Clearinghouse #202010018. The applicant is proposing to construct and operate the proposed Water Treatment Facility on 46-acres near Twain Harte, California in unincorporated Tuolumne County; APN 040-130-009-000. The project site is located at the former Sierra Pines Golf Course 23906 S Fork Road, Twain Harte, CA.

The first phase of the project involves construction and operation of a Water Treatment Facility with an initial operational capacity of 3 million gallons per day. The proposed Water Treatment Facility will construct a new 30-acre-foot-capacity raw water reservoir, a raw water pump station, filter building, sludge lagoons associated appurtenances, electrical structures, water conveyance pipelines, a stormwater detention basin, as well as new recreational trails and amenities. In addition, new water transmission pipelines would be installed offsite (within the franchise position of roadways and other public right of way) to convey treated water to existing Tuolumne Utility District (TUD) facilities.

Caltrans reviewed the MND and has the following comments:

If any project construction activities occur in Caltrans Right-of-Way (ROW) a Traffic Management Plan must be submitted to Caltrans Traffic Management for review. Traffic-related mitigation measures should be incorporated into construction plans prior to the encroachment permit process.

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If any project construction activities encroach into Caltrans ROW, the project proponent must submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and/or other resources within Caltrans ROW at the project site(s). For more information please visit the Caltrans Website at:

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these comments, please contact Michael Casas at (209) 986-9830 (Email: [michael.casas@dot.ca.gov](mailto:michael.casas@dot.ca.gov)) or me at (209) 986-9635 (Email: [kevin.schroder@dot.ca.gov](mailto:kevin.schroder@dot.ca.gov)).

Sincerely,

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