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11-SD-5
PM 3.6Southwest Neighborhood Park
Jan 2021 MND SCH 2020120458

Mr. Morgan Dresser
City of San Diego
1222 1st Avenue,
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Mr. Dresser:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Southwest Neighborhood Park located near Interstate 5 (I-5). The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. The Local Development-Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities.

Caltrans has following comments:

Hydraulic Study dated June 25, 2020

- Please provide effective studies for Nestor Creek from FEMA & the City of San Diego.
- Please Include FEMA cross sections into Floodplain Studies.
- Please provide appropriate effective study upstream and downstream for effective studies.
- Please define and explain, the Effective Model, Effective Model Re-Run, Corrected Model, etc.

- Appendix F is missing from the study.
- Please provide a copy of the LOMR Effective Study.
- The proposed project features may significantly alter the FEMA defined Floodplain and associated water surface elevations through the project area and have potential adverse impacts to the I-5 and Interstate 805 (I-805) facilities. The Department requests that the City of San Diego, acting as the Local FEMA Administrator, include the Department in reviews of all submittals to the Development Services Department regarding floodplain administration and allow for the Department to comment prior to the Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) application or the Permit issue, to assure that the Department's assets are not adversely impacted by any change in the water surface elevation resulting from this project.
- In addition, per 44 CFR §65.12, the Department requests that a formal notification be sent to the Department when the City of San Diego approves the permit to alter the floodplain and/or when the Developer applies for the Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) and Letter of Map Revision (LOMR).

Preliminary Drainage Study dated June 25, 2020

- Please recheck the Existing & Proposed Hydrology Calculations. There is a warning message stating: "Initial Subarea flow path length is great than the maximum overland flow length." Please reference Table 3-1b of Caltrans Hydrology Manual.
- Please verify and revised initial flow lengths. Does the city have a maximum flow path as in the county hydrology manual?
- Plans are showing diversion of flow from the existing to proposed conditions. Diversion of flow is not permitted.
- Analysis will be needed for Caltrans drainage facilities that are being tied into from the project.

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Right-of-Way

Any work performed within Caltrans' Right-of-Way (R/W) will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans' R/W prior to construction.

If you have any questions, please contact Roger Sanchez, of Caltrans' District 11 Development Review Branch, at (619) 987-1043 or by e-mail sent to roger.sanchez-rangel@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

electronically signed by

MAURICE EATON, Branch Chief
Local Development and Intergovernmental Review Branch