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Central-Wheeler Tank and System Improvements Project
MND/SCH# 2020120553

Mr. Erick Del Bosque
Engineering Manager
Sweetwater Authority
505 Garrett Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Dear Mr. Del Bosque:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) State Clearinghouse (SCH) # 2020120553 of the Central-Wheeler Tank and System Improvements Project located near State Route 125 (SR-125) in the unincorporated area of San Diego County. 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 Caltrans' mission and state planning priorities.

Caltrans has the following comments:

Environmental

Caltrans welcomes the opportunity to be a Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as we have some discretionary authority of a portion of the project that is in Caltrans' Right-of-Way (R/W) through the form of an encroachment permit process. Please indicate our status as a Responsible Agency for the MND. We look forward to the coordination of our efforts to ensure that Caltrans can adopt the alternative and/or mitigation measure for our R/W. We would appreciate meeting with you to discuss the elements of the MND that Caltrans will use for our subsequent environmental compliance.

An encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans' R/W prior to construction. As part of the encroachment permit process, the applicant must provide approved final environmental documents for this project, corresponding technical studies, and necessary regulatory and resource agency permits. Specifically, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination or exemption. The supporting documents must address all environmental impacts within the Caltrans' R/W and address any impacts from avoidance and/or mitigation measures.

We recommend that this project specifically identifies and assesses potential impacts caused by the project or impacts from mitigation efforts that occur within Caltrans R/W that includes impacts to the natural environment, infrastructure (including but not limited to highways, roadways, drainage facilities, on-ramps and off-ramps, etc.) and appurtenant features (such as lighting, signage, guardrail, and slopes). Caltrans is interested in any additional mitigation measures identified for the MND.

Hydrology

1. Provide existing and proposed contour information on the Clean Fill Site area that appears to be draining to the existing Caltrans inlet.
2. What will be the long-term sediment stabilization measure placed on the proposed Clean Fill Site?
3. Show Caltrans R/W line along San Miguel Road where there is a proposed 16" water line. Is the proposed 16" water line for potable water supply?
4. Show existing drainage features between SR-125 and San Miguel Road on plans.

Right-of-Way

Caltrans R/W on San Miguel Road, west of Summit Meadow Road, is in the process of being relinquished and is at San Diego County for map check. See attached draft copy, for information purposes only. If any construction is to occur prior to recordation of relinquishment, obtain a permit from Caltrans District 11 Permits Office.

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Any work performed within Caltrans 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.

Additional information regarding encroachment permits may be obtained by contacting the Caltrans Permits Office at (619) 688-6158 or by visiting the website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/ep/index.html>. Early coordination with Caltrans is strongly advised for all encroachment permits.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark McCumsey at (619) 985-4957 or by email at mark.mccumsey@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

electronically signed by

MAURICE EATON, Branch Chief
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Attachments