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### **Re: Addendum to the ETSU Phase 1 Program Phase 1B - Secondary Clarifiers and Effluent Facilities Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)**

Dear Richard Pipkin:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Addendum to the ETSU Phase 1 Program Phase 1B - Secondary Clarifiers and Effluent Facilities Project. The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities. The following comments are based on our review of the September 2024 MND.

Please note this correspondence does not indicate an official position by Caltrans on this project and is for informational purposes only.

#### **Project Understanding**

The proposed project is an addendum to add new secondary clarifiers and effluent facilities for an enhanced wastewater treatment and site upgrade.

#### **Sea Level Rise**

Please keep Caltrans informed about climate stressors, as well as the development and implementation of adaptation and resilience initiatives at this project location. Caltrans is committed to engaging in multi-agency and regional collaboration to identify multi-benefit solutions that protect vulnerable shorelines, communities, infrastructure, and the environment.

According to the San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission's Adapting to Rising Tides report, the project area is at risk of flooding with an additional 24 - 36+ inches of water from the Bay. Shoreline overtopping will also become a concern as sea level rise (SLR) progresses. Furthermore, storm surges may worsen the vulnerabilities caused by SLR.

Caltrans is interested in any efforts to address these vulnerabilities and whether partnerships with other planning agencies, such as Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency (HASPA), are in place or anticipated. Please keep the Caltrans Climate Change Planning Branch informed of any developments in addressing these risks or if partnerships with other agencies occur. For any questions or concerns, please contact Caltrans Bay Area Climate Change Planning Coordinator, Lucius Wu, at [lucius.wu@dot.ca.gov](mailto:lucius.wu@dot.ca.gov).

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Melissa Hernandez, Associate Transportation Planner, via [LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov](mailto:LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov).

For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please visit Caltrans LDR website ([link](#)) or contact [LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov](mailto:LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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