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MUSD Recycled Water System
SCH# 2022020568

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Dear Mr. Morse:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Mendocino Unified School District (MUSD)'s proposed Recycled Water System Project. The MUSD proposes to serve its four properties with a new recycled water system. A recycled water distribution line is proposed to cross under an expressway portion of State Route (SR) 1 at Little Lake Street. Caltrans is a "responsible agency" under CEQA for the portion of the project located beneath State Route 1, aligned with the County's Little Lake Road right of way, in the unincorporated community of Mendocino. We have the following comments:

The project proposes to install a water distribution line beneath a portion of access-controlled State right of way, which restricts the right of abutting properties to enter the highway for the purposes of travel or to construct encroachments. The plans provided appear to meet Caltrans standards for a transverse crossing within controlled access right of way: the casing shown, depth requirement met, plan and profile view, existing utilities shown, etc. In addition to these measures, a site-specific traffic handling plan may be required for construction.

An encroachment permit will be required to perform the transverse crossing. Permits issued to MUSD are fee exempt, but a double permit will be required from MUSD's contractor. The double permit issued to the contractor will require a fee.

As part of the application package, requirements in Chapter 600 (603.6A-2D) of the Encroachment Permits Manual (EPM) must be submitted. Chapter 600 of the EPM can be found online: <<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/traffic-operations/documents/encroachment-permits/chapter-6-ada-a11y.pdf>>.

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To streamline the permit approval process, we require the applicant arrange and participate in a pre-submittal meeting with the Caltrans encroachment permits staff in Ukiah, prior to submitting a permit application. For more information or to request an encroachment permit, please contact the Ukiah permits office at 707-463-4743, and refer to the linked website: <<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>>.

Requirements for a performance bond and bond amount will be determined upon application submittal. The deposit required for the double permit application will be 10 hours based on the linked fee schedule: <<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/traffic-operations/documents/encroachment-permits/hourly-rate-flyer-a11y.pdf>>.

Please contact me with questions or for further assistance with the comments provided at (707) 684-6879, or by email at: <jesse.robertson@dot.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,

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