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CAL-26-PM 18.271
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SCH 2022040154

Mr. Whitmore,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Mokelumne Hill Sanitary District Wastewater System Improvement Project. The Mokelumne Hill Sanitary District is in the process of obtaining a State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) grant to replace the wastewater system and associated facilities. The proposed improvements will consist of: (1) eliminating two sanitary sewer lift stations and replacing it with an 8" diameter open-cut trench gravity main system; (2) lining the two existing treatment plant lagoons with approximately 30,000 square feet (sf.) of synthetic material and a reinforced concrete cap; (3) replacing approximately 1,270 feet of 4" and 6" diameter open cut trench at Easy Bird Road, Garden Lane and Maretta Lane; (4) constructing a new office and lab facility of approximately 768 sf. and (5) installing a fully automated sanitary sewer spray field system.

This project work activities are located in Mokelumne Hill at various cross streets. Caltrans is concerned only with the project activities at State Route (SR) 26 between Lafayette Street and Church Street.

Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans suggests that the project proponent continue to coordinate with Calaveras County Planning Department to consult with Caltrans in identifying and addressing potential pedestrian safety and cumulative transportation impacts from this project and other developments near this location. This will assist Caltrans in ensuring that pedestrian, traffic safety, and quality standards are maintained for the traveling public on existing and future state transportation facilities in Calaveras County.

Traffic Operations

- Encroachment permit is required for construction work activities across Caltrans State Route 26 Post Mile 18.271

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- Transportation Management Plan (TMP) will need to be submitted with the Encroachment Permit when processing and reviewing by District 10.
- Guideline for TMP can be found here: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/tmp>

Environmental

- This project appears to encroach into Caltrans right of way (ROW) at approximately CAL-26-PM 18.271. All work within Caltrans ROW will require an Encroachment Permit (EP). Please submit the Final ISMND with the EP application along with a detailed description of work and environmental measures that will be adhered to specifically for work within Caltrans ROW. Caltrans has a significant documented culturally sensitive area starting at PM 18. Applicant must also submit cultural resources documentation directly to Caltrans assigned Archeologist for review. Applicant must ensure coordination with the Calaveras Band of Miwok. This appears to be noted in the Draft ISMND, and Caltrans will also ensure coordination upon EP submittal. Please contact Caltrans environmental staff for further guidance as needed.

Hydrology

- The proposed site development is adjacent to the state route. The developer needs to ensure that the existing State drainage facilities will not be significantly impacted by the project. If historical undeveloped topography shows drainage from this site flowed into the State Right-of-Way (ROW), it may continue to do so with the conditions that peak flows may not be increased from the pre-construction quantity and the site runoff be treated to meet present storm water quality standards.
- The project may result in minor changes to site drainage. We request review the pre- and post-construction runoff calculations and drainage plans to understand flow patterns. Additional review will be done once drainage plans and calculations are submitted.

Encroachment Permits

If any project 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. For more information please visit the Caltrans Website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Shiferaw Jemberie (209) 986-9635 (email: Shiferaw.jemberie@dot.ca.gov) or me at (209) 483-7234 (email: Gregoria.Ponce@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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