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RE: Well 205 Groundwater Treatment
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2022040340
Vic. LA-005/PM: R52.523
GTS # 07-LA-2022-03917

Dear Rick Vasilopoulos:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The proposed project would involve construction and operation of a new groundwater treatment facility for treatment of perchlorate and other groundwater contaminants at the existing Well 205 site. Under the project, Well 205 would be reactivated, and all existing facilities would remain in place. The development footprint of the proposed groundwater treatment facility would be approximately 33,000 square feet, or approximately 0.8 acre. The project would not increase the production capacity of Well 205, and consistent with previous operating conditions. Well 205 would be equipped to produce up to 2,700 gallons of groundwater per minute from the Saugus Formation of the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin. Regular and routine maintenance activities would not include any ground-disturbing activities. Construction of the new groundwater treatment facility would occur between mid-2023 and mid-2024. The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project site is approximately 1 mile from Interstate 5 (I-5).

After reviewing the MND, maintenance of the proposed project would consist of approximately one vehicle trip per day along with infrequent trips for monthly chemical deliveries, biannual GAC media replacement, and semiannual IX media replacement. In accordance with City of Santa Clarita's Transportation Analysis Updates guidance, the project would generate substantially less than 110 trips per day and impact associated with vehicle miles traveled (VMT) would be less than significant. Also, increases in VMT from construction would be short-term, minimal, and temporary. The following information is included for your consideration.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Furthermore, Caltrans encourages Lead Agencies to implement Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies that reduce VMT and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. For TDM strategies that the Lead Agency may want to consider integrating into this project to further reduce VMT, please refer to:

- The 2010 Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures report by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), available at <http://www.capcoa.org/wpcontent/uploads/2010/11/CAPCOA-Quantification-Report-9-14-Final.pdf>, and/or
- Integrating Demand Management into the Transportation Planning Process: A Desk Reference (Chapter 8) by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), available at <https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop12035/index.htm>

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends that the Project limit construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these issues for Caltrans' review.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karen Herrera, the project coordinator, at Karen.Herrera@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2022-03917.

Sincerely,



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cc: State Clearinghouse