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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Jennifer Lancaster
Calleguas Municipal Water District
2100 Olson Road
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

RE: Lindero Pump Station Rehabilitation
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2022050473
Vic. VEN-023/PM: R5.836
GTS # 07-VEN-2022-00490

Dear Jennifer Lancaster:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. Under the proposed project, a series of improvements and repairs would be implemented at Lindero Pump Station. These improvements include: replacement of existing above-ground horizontal split case pumps with vertical turbine pumps situated primarily below the ground surface; modifications to the existing piping system and replacement of existing control valves; replacement of the existing surge tank air compressors; installation of a removable protective canopy over the pumps to protect the motors from over-heating; replacement of the existing Southern California Edison (SCE) electrical system, and replacement of electrical and controls equipment with new equipment that runs on a standard voltage, including the main transformer, motor control center, and uninterruptible power supply; installation of a new stationary diesel backup generator. The Calleguas Municipal Water District is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).


The project site is approximately 0.8 mile from the State Route 23 (SR-23) North onramp on East Avenida De Los Arboles Avenue. After reviewing the MND, construction of the proposed project would increase vehicle trips to and from the project site due to construction worker trips, as well as material and equipment deliveries. Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) associated with these activities would cease once construction is completed and VMT levels would return to pre-project conditions. Following the completion of construction activities, operation and maintenance of the pump station would be consistent with existing conditions, with the exception that fewer repairs are anticipated due to the improved performance and reliability to be provided by the project. Therefore, because VMT from construction would be temporary and short-term and limited to the active construction period and operation and maintenance activities would likely be less frequent than under existing conditions, no impact associated with VMT

would occur and the proposed project would not conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3(b). The following information is included for your consideration.

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.

Finally, any work completed on or near Caltrans' right of way may require an encroachment permit. However, the final determination on this will be made by Caltrans' Office of Permits. This work would require additional review and may be subject to additional requirements to ensure current design standards and access management elements are being addressed. For more information on encroachment permits, see: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>.

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-VEN-2022-00490.

Sincerely,


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cc: State Clearinghouse