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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

RE: Rincon Phase 2 Decommissioning Project  
SCH # 2022100043  
Vic. VEN-101 PM 40.88  
GTS # VEN-2022-00583-DEIR

Dear Cynthia Herzog:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced DEIR. The proposed Project would include removal of Rincon Island's remaining surface structures and remediation of the Island's contaminated soil and interstitial water; improvements to the State Coastal Conservancy Parcel adjacent to the Rincon Island Causeway landing/abutment; decommissioning of onshore pipeline connections from the causeway abutment to the vault box; and remediation of the Onshore Facility.

While the Project itself wouldn't cause significant Traffic and Transportation impacts based on the daily estimate of passenger vehicle trips, a Recreational Site Access and Traffic Management Plan (MM REC-1, see next page) will be put in place. This plan will coordinate Project traffic, encompassing both construction trucking and passenger vehicle trips.

The OPC (Onshore Pipeline Connections) vault is located northeast of Highway 101. Please be reminded that any work performed within the State Right-of-way will require an Encroachment Permit from Caltrans. Any modifications to State facilities must meet all mandatory design standards and specifications.

The Project would increase vehicle traffic on the Coastal Trail during decommissioning activities at Rincon Island, involving the mobilization of heavy equipment and transportation of construction materials. This would result in approximately 1,992 truck trips over a 15-month work period, averaging five trips per day. Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that require the use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Any large-size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods for the construction phase and operation phase.

### **Mitigation Measure**

**MM REC-1: Recreational Site Access and Traffic Management Plan.** A Recreational Site Access and Traffic Management Plan shall be prepared prior to the commencement of Project activities. The Recreational Site Access and Traffic Management Plan shall specify that carpooling will be encouraged to limit the volume of traffic to the extent feasible. It shall include measures such as appropriate signage, flagging personnel, detour routes, and lane closure to reduce potential hazards to public trail users, motorists, and workers during the Project. In addition, the Recreational Site Access and Traffic Management Plan shall include measures to allow emergency vehicle access, reduce impacts to circulation, and address potential hazards to motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and workers during the Project. Measures intended to reduce unnecessary idling time and queueing of transport vehicles shall also be included.

Caltrans concurs with the above mitigation measure and would like the opportunity to review the traffic management plan if the construction delay will impact the State facilities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # VEN-2022-00583-DEIR.

Sincerely,



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