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Marshall Styers

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

111 North Hope Street, Rm. 1044

Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: North Hollywood Chlorination Stations
and NHOU2IR West Treatment Project
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2022100600
Vic. LA-Multiple
GTS # 07-LA-2022-04104

Dear Marshall Styers:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposes to expand the treatment capacity of its existing Rinaldi-Toluca (RT) and North Hollywood West (NHW) Chlorination Stations and to replace LADWP's existing North Hollywood Chlorination Station with the new North Hollywood Central (NHC) Chlorination Station within the same property. LADWP would also assume responsibility for the operation of a groundwater remediation facility related to the North Hollywood Operable Unit (NHOU) Second Interim Remedy (NHOU2IR), which is currently being constructed within the same property as the RT Chlorination Station by Honeywell International Inc. under orders from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The treated water from the NHOU2IR facility would be directed to the expanded RT Chlorination Station, where it would be disinfected. This disinfection capability would help ensure the reliability and sustainability of the City's drinking water system by reducing dependence on imported water supplies, consistent with goals established in the 2020 LADWP Urban Water Management Plan. The LADWP is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

After reviewing the MND, the Initial Study states that construction of the Project would generate temporary construction-related trips, which would cease after Project construction is completed. Project operation is anticipated to retain the same operational characteristics as the existing chlorination stations. The stations would not be permanently staffed but may be visited daily to monitor operations and conduct routine inspections, maintenance, and repairs as required. This would result in no additional trips related to operations at the NHW and RT Chlorination Stations and relatively minimal new

daily personnel and truck trips related to operations at the NHC Chlorination Station. Therefore, no transportation impacts are presumed to occur. The following information is included for your consideration.

As a reminder, 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-LA-2022-04104.

Sincerely,



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cc: State Clearinghouse