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RE: S Wells PFAS Groundwater Treatment
and Disinfection Facility Project
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH # 2022110376
Vic. LA-005/PM: R53.055
GTS # 07-LA-2022-04125

Dear Rick Vasilopoulos:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced MND. The project involves construction of a per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) groundwater treatment and disinfection facility and associated pipelines. The proposed facility would restore the use of Wells S6, S7 and S8 and would reduce SCV Water's dependency on imported water. In addition, a new groundwater well (S9) and a chloramine disinfection building would be constructed. The new S9 well would produce an additional 1,000 gallons per minute of potable water that would also be filtered through the proposed PFAS treatment system before distribution to SCV Water customers. The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project site is approximately 2.4 miles from Interstate 5 (I-5). After reviewing the MND, the Initial Study states that construction of the Project would have a less than significant impact on transportation with mitigation incorporated. Temporary closure of one lane of the Santa Clara River Trail may be necessary during construction of pipelines near the trail. Also, temporary lane closures on Newhall Ranch Road would have the potential to affect the provision of transit by Santa Clarita Transit given the proximity of multiple bus stops to the project area. As described in the Initial Study, implementation of Mitigation Measures T-1 and T-2 would be required to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level. 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

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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-2022-04125.

Sincerely,



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cc: State Clearinghouse