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RE: F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant
& La Verne Site Improvements Program
Draft Environmental Impact Report
SCH # 2022120175
Vic. Multiple
GTS # 07-LA-2022-04311

Dear Brenda Marines:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The proposed Program consists of four improvement projects and two new construction projects at the Weymouth Plant. The improvement projects include the Water Quality Laboratory Building Improvements, Administration and Control Buildings Seismic Upgrade and Building Improvements, Water Treatment Chemical Delivery Railroad Tracks Replacement, and Basin Nos. 1 and 2 Rehabilitation; the new construction projects include the New La Verne Warehouse Facilities and the New Field Engineering Building. Project construction activities would occur between 2024 and 2029. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The project site is approximately less than a mile from State Route (SR-66) and Interstate 210 (I-210), and about 2.5 miles from State Route 57 (SR-57). The DEIR states the project would result in a less than significant traffic impact with the proposed mitigation to transportation. After further review of the DEIR, Caltrans has the following comments regarding the project's construction haul route and construction period:

1. On the westbound SR-66 to southbound Wheeler Avenue (southwest corner), there may not be sufficient turning radius for trucks to make left turn. Therefore, it is recommended construction hauling trucks not to use the left turn lane to get to the project site due to obscure angle at the intersection.
2. Construction vehicles/equipment should use alternative routes to avoid congested state facilities especially during peak hours.

3. Construction vehicles/equipment is recommended to transport to and from construction sites during non-peak hours.
4. Cover construction trucks with tarpaulin to avoid debris spillage onto the roadways.

As a reminder, Caltrans should be notified of any additional impacts to State facilities should it occur during construction phase. Also, 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

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-2022-04311.

Sincerely,

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