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City of San Diego Dam Maintenance Program
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Mr. Jeffrey Szymanski
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Dear Mr. Szymanski:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the City of San Diego Dam Maintenance Program located near Interstate 8 (I-8), Interstate 15 (I-15), State Route 67 (SR-67), and State Route 94 (SR-94). The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities.

Safety is one of Caltrans' strategic goals. Caltrans strives to make the year 2050 the first year without a single death or serious injury on California's roads. We are striving for more equitable outcomes for the transportation network's diverse users. To achieve these ambitious goals, we will pursue meaningful collaboration with our partners. We encourage the implementation of new technologies, innovations, and best practices that will enhance the safety on the transportation network. These pursuits are both ambitious and urgent, and their accomplishment involves a focused departure from the status quo as we continue to institutionalize safety in all our work.

Caltrans is committed to prioritizing projects that are equitable and provide meaningful benefits to historically underserved communities, to ultimately improve transportation accessibility and quality of life for people in the communities we serve.

We look forward to working with the City of San Diego in areas where the City and Caltrans have joint jurisdiction to improve the transportation network and connections

between various modes of travel, with the goal of improving the experience of those who use the transportation system.

Caltrans has the following comments:

Traffic Control Plan/Hauling

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has discretionary authority with respect to highways under its jurisdiction and may, upon application and if good cause appears, issue a special permit to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equipment of a size or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximum limitations specified in the California Vehicle Code. The Caltrans Transportation Permits Issuance Branch is responsible for the issuance of these special transportation permits for oversize/overweight vehicles on the State Highway network. Additional information is provided online at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/permits/index.html>

A Traffic Control Plan is to be submitted to Caltrans District 11, including the interchanges at SR-94/College Grove Way, at least 30 days prior to the start of any construction for the Chollas Reservoir. Traffic shall not be unreasonably delayed. The plan shall also outline suggested detours to use during closures, including routes and signage. Potential impacts to the highway facilities and traveling public from the detour, demolition and other construction activities should be discussed and addressed before work begins.

Please coordinate with the Groundworks project in the area of SR-94, near Chollas Reservoir.

A Traffic Control Plan may need to be submitted to Caltrans District 11, for the access from SR-94/Campo Road in Dulzura (see Figure 1), at least 30 days prior to the start of any construction for the Dulzura Conduit. Traffic shall not be unreasonably delayed. The plan shall also outline suggested detours to use during closures, including routes and signage. Potential impacts to the highway facilities and traveling public from the detour, demolition and other construction activities should be discussed and addressed before work begins.



Existing Facilities and Maintenance Footprint/Limits of Work - Dulzura Conduit

Figure 2n-2

Figure 1: Dulzura Conduit (Location shown on Figure 2n-2 Mitigated Negative Declaration)

Traffic Control Plans to be used for evacuation planning or other emergencies for all dam maintenance locations shall be submitted to Caltrans for review prior to implementation on state facilities.

Any traffic control devices and signs, or work equipment that need to be placed inside Caltrans' Right-of-Way (R/W) will require an approved encroachment permit from Caltrans.

Environmental

Caltrans welcomes the opportunity to be a Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as we have some discretionary authority of a portion of the project that is in Caltrans' R/W through the form of an encroachment permit process. We look forward to the coordination of our efforts to ensure that Caltrans can adopt the alternative and/or mitigation measure for our R/W.

An encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans' R/W prior to construction. As part of the encroachment permit process, the applicant must provide

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approved final environmental documents for this project, corresponding technical studies, and necessary regulatory and resource agency permits. Specifically, any CEQA determinations or exemptions. The supporting documents must address all environmental impacts within the Caltrans' R/W and address any impacts from avoidance and/or mitigation measures.

We recommend that this project specifically identifies and assesses potential impacts caused by the project or impacts from mitigation efforts that occur within Caltrans' R/W that includes impacts to the natural environment, infrastructure including but not limited to highways, roadways, structures, intelligent transportation systems elements, on-ramps and off-ramps, and appurtenant features including but not limited to lighting, signage, drainage, guardrail, slopes and landscaping. Caltrans is interested in any additional mitigation measures identified for the project's draft Environmental Document.

Right-of-Way

- Per Business and Profession Code 8771, perpetuation of survey monuments by a licensed land surveyor is required, if they are being destroyed by any construction.
- Any work performed within Caltrans' R/W will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans' R/W prior to construction.

Additional information regarding encroachment permits may be obtained by contacting the Caltrans Permits Office at (619) 688-6158 or emailing D11.Permits@dot.ca.gov or by visiting the website at <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>. Early coordination with Caltrans is strongly advised for all encroachment permits.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Dodson, LDR Coordinator, at (619) 985-1587 or by e-mail sent to Kimberly.dodson@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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