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Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal
Mid-Canal Storage Project
SCH# 2022120628
Riverside County

Dear Mr. Patterson:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Notice of Completion and the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration Mid-Canal Storage Project (Project), which describes the proposed modification of a segment of the Coachella Canal to construct a reservoir retaining up to 728 acre-feet of water.

Insufficient information is provided in the Project description to make an accurate jurisdictional determination with regards to the described work and it is unclear whether some or all the work will be subject to State jurisdiction for dam safety. Therefore, the applicant, Coachella Valley Water District, needs to submit preliminary plans so that DSOD can make a jurisdictional determination.

As defined in Sections 6002 and 6003, Division 3, of the California Water Code, dams 25 feet or higher with a storage capacity of more than 15 acre-feet, and dams higher than 6 feet with a storage capacity of 50 acre-feet or more are subject to State jurisdiction. The dam height is the vertical distance measured from the maximum possible water storage level to the downstream toe of the barrier.

If the dam(s) is subject to State jurisdiction, a construction application, together with plans, specifications, and the appropriate filing fee must be filed with DSOD for this project. All dam safety related issues must be resolved prior to approval of the application, and the work must be performed under the direction of a Civil Engineer registered in California. Erik Malvick, our Design Engineering Branch Manager, is responsible for the application process and can be reached at (916) 565-7840.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Area Engineer Brandon Cruz at (916) 565-7829 or me at (916) 565-7827.

Sincerely,

Rick Draeger

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