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Trinidad Water Storage Tank and
Pipeline Replacement Project
SCH# 2023010468

Mr. Eli Naffah, City Manager
City of Trinidad
P.O. Box 390
Trinidad, CA 95570

Dear Mr. Naffah:

Thank you for giving Caltrans the opportunity to review and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Trinidad Water Storage Tank and Pipeline Replacement Project. The City of Trinidad proposes to replace 1.4 miles of pipeline and construct a 300,000-gallon storage tank and chlorination booster system for the City of Trinidad to improve water availability during drought conditions. The project is located on either side of a freeway segment of US Route 101, in both City jurisdiction and County jurisdiction. We offer the following comments:

Caltrans District Encroachment Permit staff have met with City representatives in the field and noted that the proposed project will employ directional drilling to avoid direct, physical impacts to US Route 101. Although some of the work will occur on State right of way, traffic control at the northbound stop-controlled off ramp should be sufficient to complete the work. It is not anticipated that any ramp closures will be required. The portion of the work within State right-of-way will require an encroachment permit prior to construction.

Applications for Encroachment Permits are reviewed for consistency with State standards and are subject to Department approval. To streamline the process, we require the applicant arrange and participate in a pre-submittal meeting with the Caltrans encroachment permits staff in Eureka, prior to submitting a permit application. Please contact the Eureka Permits office at (707) 498-5684 to schedule. Requests for permit applications can be sent to: Caltrans District 1 Permits Office, P.O. Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95502-3700, or requested by phone at (707) 463-4743. For additional information, the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Manual and Standard Application are available online: <<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>>.

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Please contact me with questions or for further assistance with the content of this letter at (707) 684-6879, or by email at: <jesse.robertson@dot.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,

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