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RE: 2023 Strategic Water Resources  
Plan Draft Program Environmental  
Impact Report– Draft Environmental  
Impact Report (DEIR)  
SCH #2023080290  
GTS #07-LA-2023-04639  
Vic. LA Multiple

Dear Scott Rogers,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The Palmdale Water District (PWD) has updated its Strategic Water Resources Plan (SWRP) to reevaluate PWD's ability to meet the demands of both current and future customers through the year 2050. The SWRP Update, completed in June 2023, analyzes PWD's current mix of water sources, which includes groundwater, surface water, imported water, and recycled water, to find the best way to meet the needs of a growing population under changing future conditions. A Preferred Strategy was identified that optimizes PWD's mix of water sources up to the year 2050. The Preferred Strategy, referred to as the 'proposed Project', includes proposed actions that make the most of local water supplies and facilities and increase water storage in the Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin.

After reviewing the DEIR, Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans concurs with Mitigation Measure TRA-1: Traffic Control Plan from the Initial Study. Prior to construction, PWD shall require its construction contractor(s) to prepare and implement a Traffic Control Plan, to be approved by the City of Palmdale and/or the County of Los Angeles, based on jurisdiction. The plan shall include traffic counts at intersections near the proposed Project facilities to determine existing traffic conditions. Based on these traffic counts, the plan shall recommend mitigation to minimize impacts

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to existing traffic conditions. The plan shall also include provisions for traffic control measures including barricades, warning signs, cones, lights, and flag persons, to allow safe circulation of vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian, and emergency response traffic.

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that requires the use of oversized transport vehicles on State Highways will require a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends limiting construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these issues for Caltrans' review. We look forward to the coordination of our efforts to ensure potential impacts to the highway facilities and traveling public are discussed and addressed before work begins.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Frances Duong, at frances.duong@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS #07-LA-2023-04639.

Sincerely,



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Cc: State Clearinghouse