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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Teresa Chan
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Alhambra, CA 91803

RE: Former High Desert Hospital Demolition
Project Mitigated Negative Declaration
(MND)
SCH # 2023100652
Vic. LA-138/33.256 LA-14/44.145
GTS # 07-LA-2023-04350

Dear Teresa Chan:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The County of Los Angeles, acting through Public Works proposes to demolish the former High Desert Hospital and surrounding ancillary structures and construct two stormwater retention basins at the former High Desert Hospital site, located at 44900 60th Street West, in the City of Lancaster, California. All the facilities and structures, totaling 22 structures of more than 300,000 square feet of hospital, ancillary services, and miscellaneous ancillary structures (such as trailers, sheds, modular buildings, container, etc.), would be demolished. No buildings or structures would remain following the Project. The Project would occur on 14.2 acres and is located within an approximately 361-acre Los Angeles County (County) owned site. The Project site is not listed on a site that is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code for hazardous waste sites. The Los Angeles County Public Works is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facilities are SR-14 and SR-138. After reviewing the project's MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

- Caltrans recommends the following during the construction stage:
 - Work with Caltrans Office of Permits, Multi-Modal Unit, for a designated truck route for construction trucks to transport construction equipment to and from the construction sites.
 - Construction vehicles/equipment should use alternative routes to avoid congested state facilities, especially during peak hours.

- Cover construction trucks with tarpaulin to avoid debris spillage onto State facilities.

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that requires the use of oversized transport vehicles on State Highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends that the Project limit 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.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jaden Oloresisimo, the project coordinator, at Jaden.Oloresisimo@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2023-04350.

Sincerely,

Frances Duong

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cc: State Clearinghouse