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Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Project
SCH # 2024010394
Los Angeles County

Dear Ms. Morrison:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Project submitted by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), dated June 2024. The proposed project includes the replacement/rehabilitation of the reservoir cover and liner, rehabilitation of the I/O tower, replacement of valves within the junction structure, updating the facility electrical system, replacing the standby generator, upgrades to the surge tank telemetry, remodeling of the Administration Building and Water Quality Laboratory, and the construction of a new pump station.

An insufficient amount of information is included in the EIR to make an accurate jurisdictional determination with regards to the Garvey Reservoir Rehabilitation Project, and it is unclear whether this project will be subject to State jurisdiction for dam safety. Therefore, the MWD needs to submit preliminary plans so that DSOD can make a jurisdictional determination.

If the proposed work is subject to State jurisdictional, an alteration application, together with plans, specifications, and the appropriate filing fees must be filed with DSOD prior to proceeding with the project. If an application is required, all dam safety related issues must be satisfactorily addressed prior to our approval of the application and all work must be performed under the direction of a Civil Engineer registered in California. Erik Malvick, the Design Engineering Branch Manager, is responsible for the application process and can be reached at (916) 820-7820.

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

Sincerely,

Brandon Cruz

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