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RE: West Valley Feeder No. 1 Stage
3 Improvements Project– Mitigated
Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH #2024060605
GTS #07-LA-2024-04555
Vic. LA Multiple

Dear Michelle Morrison,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The Project proposes modifications to the West Valley Feeder No. 1 (WVF1) structures at four locations along the pipeline alignment, construction of a new access road, and vehicle turn around areas within Chatsworth Park South. Additionally, the proposed Project includes the construction of an access road, vehicle turnaround areas, and access gates to accommodate a full-size maintenance truck. Operations and maintenance activities at the West Valley Feeder No. 1, including the frequency of staff visits, maintenance, and shutdowns, would be similar to existing conditions once construction activities are completed.

After reviewing the MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

As stated in the Initial Study, the Contractor shall prepare a traffic control plan to address temporary traffic control for each construction site in public roadways. 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 advises 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

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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-2024-04555.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony Higgins".

Anthony Higgins

Acting LDR Branch Chief

Cc: State Clearinghouse