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Long Beach Utilities Department  
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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

RE: Haynes Generating Station  
Recycled Water Pipeline Project –  
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)  
SCH #2024010488  
GTS #07-LA-2024-04430  
Vic. LA 22 PM 1.202  
ORA 22 PM 0.091

Dear Dennis Santos,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review process for the above referenced project. The Project consists of constructing a contiguous recycled water (RW) pipeline to serve LADWP's Haynes Generating Station located in the City of Long Beach. The Project would be constructed within previously disturbed areas supporting numerous existing structures and subsurface utilities, City and State roadways, and associated surface improvements (i.e., paving, landscaping, and above-ground utilities). The RW pipeline would be constructed within the existing roadway right-of-way. The majority of the RW pipeline would be installed via the traditional method of open-cut trenching. A small section of the Project would be placed within a micro-tunnel steel casing that would be constructed under SR 22.

Discretionary approvals for the proposed project include CEQA Clearance.

The project is not located on a site that is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

After reviewing the MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

*"Provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment"*

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Haynes Generating Station Recycled Water Pipeline Project (ID: 31897) starts in Long Beach and continues into Seal Beach and beneath State Route 22 (SR-22) to the LADWP Haynes Generating Station in Seal Beach. It is consistent with CEQA Guidelines §15064.3, subdivision (b). The Project will install and operate a RW pipeline located mostly underground, except a small portion where the pipeline is installed aboveground on the College Park Drive Bridge over the San Gabriel River where it would be placed within a micro-tunnel steel casing and would be attached to the existing bridge structure under SR 22. Per City of Seal Beach's Evacuation Plan (2018), I-405 and SR-22 are possible evacuation routes. During construction, street and lane closures, as well as detours, will be implemented and could result in traffic delays. MM TR-1 requires implementing Traffic Control Plan (TCP) by the contractor to address temporary impacts to vehicles and pedestrians and would allow access to emergency vehicles. Hence, traffic and emergency access would not be impeded. After construction roadways would return to their pre-construction operational conditions. Coordination with local emergency services in both Long Beach and Seal Beach would be conducted as part of the TCP. By adopting this project and by implementing the proposed mitigation measures, the Project will not have any significant or unmitigable effects on the environment and on the SR-22. We look forward to reviewing the traffic control plan.

Project starts at the intersection of Atherton Street and Studebaker Road (RW map F1899) and continues south along Studebaker Road until Route 22 (RW map F1246-2). A portion of Studebaker Road shown in F1246-2 is within Caltrans right of way. Permits will be required to work within this portion of Studebaker Road. This Project will also involve other work directly within Caltrans Right of Way, which will require permits and reviews via the Office of Permits. Please submit encroachment permit application package to District 7 Encroachment Permit's office.

**District 7 Encroachment Permit Office contact information:**

Address: 100 S Main Street, Ste 100 Los Angeles, CA 90012  
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E-mail: [D7.Permits@dot.ca.gov](mailto:D7.Permits@dot.ca.gov)

District 7 will take the lead in processing, reviewing, and approving one application for the entire project, including the location that is within District 12's jurisdiction. In addition, for

this project, permit 1223-6SV-0039 was previously issued to Kleinfelder for soil boring for groundwater and soil testing and temporary groundwater well installation at a bore location within State Right of Way in the parkway area between College Park Drive and SR-22 near Loyola Plaza in the City of Seal Beach. Part of the permit conditions were that the temporary groundwater well be removed at the end of project. When submitting permit application package to District 7, please ensure that plans include removal of the temporary well prior to project completion. Also, the District 12 Permit Inspector listed on this permit shall be provided with closing documents in relation to permit 1223- 6SV-0039.

Finally, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Anthony Higgins, at [anthony.higgins@dot.ca.gov](mailto:anthony.higgins@dot.ca.gov) and refer to GTS #07-LA-2024-04430.

Sincerely,

*Frances Duong*

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Cc: State Clearinghouse