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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE LYNWOOD PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2024 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # [2024020663](#)

Dear Tim Fuelle,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a MND for the Lynwood Pump Station Replacement Project. The North Marin Water District (District) is proposing to replace the existing Lynwood Pump Station (PS) located below grade in a median of Sunset Parkway between its intersection with South Novato Boulevard and Lynwood Drive. The Lynwood PS is in poor condition overall and multiple upgrades would be required to ensure the PS is up to date with the latest code, extend its service life, and improve the overall reliability of the facility. The District is considering five potential project alternatives to replace the Lynwood PS, each of which would include the demolition of the Lynwood PS as well as the construction of one or two new PS at alternate sites in the City of Novato. The purpose of the project is to replace the Lynwood PS with one or two new PS constructed above grade which would result in improved access for maintenance and repairs and reduced risk for groundwater and stormwater intrusion, all of which would ensure the reliability of the District's

infrastructure. Based on our Project review, DTSC requests consideration of the following comment:

1. San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board is providing lead regulatory oversight for cleanup at 970 C Street in Novato, adjacent to the proposed locations for the new pump station located at Main Gate Road Site (Site 4) and C Street Site (Site 5). Due to ongoing groundwater/vapor intrusion issues at the [Department of Defense Housing Facility - Hamilton Square](#) located at 970 C Street , DTSC recommends that the proposed pump station should be designed, constructed, and operated in such a way that remediation is not adversely affected or exacerbated.
2. If structures are to be demolished on any project sites included in the proposed project, surveys should be conducted for the presence of lead-based paints or products, mercury, asbestos containing materials, and polychlorinated biphenyl caulk. Removal, demolition, and disposal of any of the above-mentioned chemicals should be conducted in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies. In addition, sampling near current and/or former buildings should be conducted in accordance with DTSC's [Update to June 2006 Phase I Addendum Guidance](#)

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Lynwood Pump Station Replacement Project. Thank you for your assistance in protecting California's people and environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances. If you have any questions or would like any clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via [email](#) for additional guidance.

Sincerely,



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