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FRE-145-26.119
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
IS 8380 and CUP 3762
SCH# 2024030055
<https://ld-igr-gts.dot.ca.gov/district/6/report/32355>

SENT VIA EMAIL

Ejaz Ahmad, Planner
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Dear Mx. Ejaz Ahmad:

Thank you for the opportunity to review Initial Study 8380 and Unclassified Conditional Use Permit 3762, which proposes to construct a land fill gas conditioning system that includes an eight (8) mile pipeline running from the landfill to a new PG&E receipt point. The project includes four (4) miles of pipeline that is proposed to be constructed along State Route (SR) 145. The project is located on the northwest quadrant of American Avenue and Humbolt Avenue in the County of Fresno with the second site on the northeast corner of Manning Avenue and SR 145.

Caltrans provides the following comments consistent with the State's smart mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and sustainable communities:

1. Understanding that four miles of the project pipeline is proposed within the State right-of-way along SR 145, an encroachment permit will be required as noted in the comment below. Please note that further comments may be made during the encroachment permitting process.
2. As a point of information, any work completed in the State's right-of-way will require a Caltrans encroachment permit. An encroachment permit must be obtained for all proposed activities for placement of encroachments within, under or over the State highway rights-of-way. Activity and work planned in the State right-of-way shall be performed to State standards and specifications, at no cost to the State. Engineering plans, calculations, specifications, and reports (documents) shall be stamped and signed by a licensed Engineer or Architect. Engineering

documents for encroachment permit activity and work in the State right-of-way may be submitted using English Units. The Permit Department and the Environmental Planning Branch will review and approve the activity and work in the State right-of-way before an encroachment permit is issued. The Streets and Highways Code Section 670 provides Caltrans discretionary approval authority for projects that encroach on the State Highway System. Encroachment permits will be issued in accordance with Streets and Highway Codes, Section 671.5, "Time Limitations." Encroachment permits do not run with the land. A change of ownership requires a new permit application. Only the legal property owner or his/her authorized agent can pursue obtaining an encroachment permit.

3. Prior to an encroachment permit application submittal, the project proponent is required to schedule a "Pre-Submittal" meeting with District 6 Encroachment Permit Office. To schedule this meeting, please call the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office - District 6: 1352 W. Olive, Fresno, CA 93778, **at (559) 383-5047 or (559) 383-5235.**

Please review the permit application - required document checklist at:

<https://forms.dot.ca.gov/v2Forms/servlet/FormRenderer?frmId=TR0402&distpath=MAO&brapath=PERM>.

Please also review the permit application - processing checklist at:

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>, and the **[Applicant's Check List to determine appropriate review process \(TR-0416\) \(Rev 01/23\)](#)**

If you have any other questions, please call or email Christopher Xiong at (559) 908-7064 or Christopher.Xiong@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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