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Natalie Gribben, Deputy Director
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Re: Water Pipeline Design from Harry Tracy Water Treatment Plant to the Town of Hillsborough Water System – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Natalie Gribben:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Water Pipeline Design from Harry Tracy Water Treatment Plant to the Town of Hillsborough Water System Project. The Local Development Review (LDR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities. The following comments are based on our review of the May 2024 MND.

Please note this correspondence does not indicate an official position by Caltrans on this project and is for informational purposes only.

Project Understanding

The proposed project will install a seismically-resilient water pipeline that begins in the City of Millbrae at the existing San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Helen Turnout and ends at the Town of Hillsborough's Darrell Tanks. The purpose of the project is to provide an additional connection to the Town's water supply from SFPUC's system in the higher-pressure zones in the event water cannot be delivered from SFPUC to the Town's lower pressure zones. The proposed pipeline will provide a reliable water source within and adjacent to the Wildland Urban Interface to increase fire suppression resources and protect critical water storage and distribution infrastructure, as well as the residents of all three municipalities. Some of the project locations are close to Caltrans' Right-of-Way (ROW).

Construction-Related Impacts

Project work that requires movement of oversized or excessive load vehicles on State roadways requires a transportation permit that is issued by Caltrans. To apply, please visit Caltrans Transportation Permits ([link](#)). Prior to construction, coordination may be required with Caltrans to develop a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) to reduce construction traffic impacts to the State Transportation Network (STN).

In Appendix A, there are numerous utilities that may conflict with the installation of the water pipeline, which includes stormwater drainage systems. Any effected drainage systems within Caltrans' ROW or maintained, under maintenance agreements with State easements, will need to be identified and the proposed work at these locations reviewed by Caltrans.

Equitable Access

If any Caltrans facilities are impacted by the project, those facilities must meet American Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards after project completion. As well, the project must maintain bicycle and pedestrian access during construction. These access considerations support Caltrans' equity mission to provide a safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation network for all users.

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Melissa Hernandez, Associate Transportation Planner via LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov. For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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