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RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE FAIR OAKS SEWER
MAINTENANCE DISTRICT SANITARY SEWER TRUNK LINE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT DATED AUGUST 1, 2024, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER

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Dear Mark Chow,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Replacement Project (Project). The Project proposes to replace antiquated, 33-inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe segments with industry-standard, 36-inch-diameter polyvinyl chloride pipe segments associated with the North Fair Oaks Trunk Sewer. The Project would affect 1,404 linear feet of the existing pipe segments. Two sections that cannot be replaced in-place would be realigned mainly via trenchless construction (pipe jacking and micro tunneling); the existing sections would be abandoned. The third section would be replaced in-place, via open trench construction; construction of this

section would require use of a temporary sewage bypass system. The Project would also include the housekeeping of existing manholes to either abandon them if no longer required or bring them to code if they are substandard. Approximately 1,411 linear feet of new pipe segments would be installed over a six-month period, beginning in April 2025.

DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comment:

1. If pipes or other 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 Preliminary Endangerment Assessment Guidance Manual](#).

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the MND for the Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line 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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