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RE: Tapia Water Reclamation Facility
003 Outfall Rehabilitation Project–
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
SCH #2024080527
GTS #07-LA-2024-04606
LA 1/PM 47.9

Dear Veronica Hurtado,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The Project proposes inspection and repair of an existing 24-inch outfall pipeline, which runs from the Tapia Water Reclamation Facility (WRF), located at 731 Malibu Canyon Road in Agoura Hills, to Malibu Creek. Starting at the Tapia WRF, the pipeline is within paved road for approximately 0.15 mile to Las Virgenes Road/Malibu Canyon Road, which is also paved, and crosses to the east side of this road (another approximate 0.03 mile). On the east side of Las Virgenes Road/Malibu Canyon Road, the pipeline is within an unpaved access road to its terminus at Malibu Creek, approximately 0.25 mile to the south.

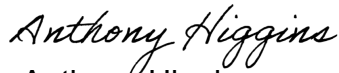
The project would involve installation of five new 36-inch diameter manholes at existing bends within the pipeline alignment, which would provide access for inspection of the pipeline. Inspection of the pipeline would not expand its capacity or alter its existing uses; rather, it would help ensure the integrity of the pipeline, facilitating its continued use as intended for the conveyance of discharge between the Tapia WRF and Malibu Creek. One manhole would be installed along the paved entry road leading up to the Tapia WRF west of Malibu Canyon Road, and the remaining four manholes would be installed in the unpaved access road east of Malibu Canyon Road (as shown in Figure 3 of the Initial Study).

After reviewing the MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

As stated in the Initial Study, construction activities associated with the Project may require temporary lane closures to maintain the safety of construction workers and the public during inspection and repair of the existing pipeline. Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that requires the use of oversized transport vehicles on State Highways will require a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends limiting construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these issues for Caltrans' review. We look forward to the coordination of our efforts to ensure potential impacts to the highway facilities and traveling public are discussed and addressed before work begins.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Frances Duong, at frances.duong@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS #07-LA-2024-04606.

Sincerely,



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Cc: State Clearinghouse