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Re: Zanker Material Processing Facility Stormwater Basins Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Cort Hitchens:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Zanker Material Processing Facility Stormwater Basins 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 October 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 involves a rezoning and construction of two separate, unlined stormwater basins to retain, treat, and store stormwater runoff from the existing Zanker Materials Processing Facility.

Climate Change/Sea Level Rise

Please ensure that Caltrans remains informed about the diverse climate stressors affecting this project location, as well as the ongoing development and implementation of adaptation and resilience initiatives. According to Senate Bill 272 (2023), which requires local jurisdictions to adopt a regional adaptation plan, please consider how this project aligns with the broader subregional adaptation plan of the local municipality and the county level. Given the project's focus on stormwater management and proximity to the bay shoreline, please consider adaptation measures for mid- or end-of-century sea level rise (SLR) projections, using data from the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) or National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration (NOAA). Based on the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) SLR projections for year 2050, the project location is inundated and at risk for rising water tables. Rising water tables could be further impacted by storm surge, king tides, extreme precipitation as mentioned in the project documentation, and groundwater rise, including the potential for saltwater intrusion. Please also consider and identify potential partners operating in the project area such as Fish & Wildlife and Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA) which operates the railroad tracks that lay west of the project location. Caltrans is managing a grant in which CCJPA is conducting an adaptation study for their right of way in the Alviso area.

For any questions and concerns within District 4's geographical boundaries, please reach out to the Caltrans Bay Area Climate Change Planning Coordinator lucius.wu@dot.ca.gov.

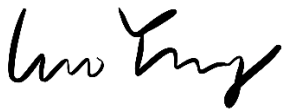
Construction-Related Impacts

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](#)).

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Marley Mathews, Associate Transportation Planner, via LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

For future early coordination opportunities or project referrals, please visit Caltrans LDR website ([link](#)) or contact LDR-D4@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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c: State Clearinghouse