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Robyn Mendoza  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance  
Environmental Review Unit  
1001 I Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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RE: Arsenic Exceedance-Remediation:  
Mitigated Negative Declaration  
GTS # 07-LA-2024-04688  
SCH # 2024110468  
Vic. SR 138 PM 10.487

Dear Robyn Mendoza:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The proposed project would involve drilling a new well near the existing Well No. 2, destruction of the existing Well No. 2, and construction of an arsenic treatment facility with a footprint of approximately 30 feet x 30 feet with solar power panels installed on the building's roof. Approximately 300 feet of 6-inch polyvinyl chloride transmission pipeline will be installed to deliver water from the proposed well to the treatment building. The Project would replace the Well No. 1 pump and motor, underground the onsite electrical lines, install new electrical panels, and remove the structure covering the existing electrical equipment. Four aging tanks will be removed and replaced with two new 146,500-gallon bolted steel tanks. The State Water Resources Control Board is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facility is SR 138. After reviewing the project's documents, Caltrans has the following comments:

As stated in Section 3.17.3 of the Initial Study, the proposed project is anticipated to encroach into State Route 138 Right-of-Way (R/W) for electrical undergrounding and is required to obtain Caltrans Encroachment Permit. This review only pertains to planning and environmental compliance, not project design or construction approval.

- The review and approval of encroachment projects are managed through the Encroachment Permits Office Process (EPOP) or the Project Delivery Quality Management Assessment Process (QMAP), depending on the project scope, complexity, and completeness of the application.
- Use the "[Applicant's Checklist](#)" and flowchart (Figure 1.2 in the Caltrans [Encroachment Permit Manual](#)) to determine the appropriate review process.
- For more resources and submission requirements, visit the Caltrans Encroachment Permits [webpage](#).

To pursue a Caltrans encroachment permit, please contact the District 7 permit office.

**Caltrans District 7 Office of Permits contact information:**

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Caltrans also recommends limiting large truck travel and construction traffic to off-peak commute hours. A permit for any heavy construction equipment and or materials that require the use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing potential impacts for Caltrans for review.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jaden Oloresisimo, the project coordinator, at [Jaden.Oloresisimo@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Jaden.Oloresisimo@dot.ca.gov) and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2024-04688.

Sincerely,



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Acting LDR/CEQA Branch Chief

cc: State Clearinghouse