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Jamestown Sanitary
District Wastewater Facility
Upgrades SCH 2024110525

Dear Ms. Augustine,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Initial Study of the Jamestown Sanitary District project which intends to install two tertiary filters capable of treating all influent with one unit out of service capability to inject chemicals upstream of the filters.

The project sites are located at 17600 State Route (SR) 49/108 and 10190 Karlee Lane, in the community of Jamestown within Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 059-080-096, 059-080-058, and 059-150-027.

Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans suggests Tuolumne County continue to coordinate and consult with Caltrans to identify and address potential cumulative transportation impacts from this project and other developments near this location. This will assist Caltrans in ensuring that traffic safety and quality standards are maintained for the traveling public on existing and future state transportation facilities.

Environmental

If there are any construction related activities that will encroach into Caltrans Right of Way (ROW) as a result of the project, the project proponent must apply for an Encroachment Permit with the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. All California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation, with supporting technical studies, must be submitted with the Encroachment Permit Application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, historic properties, biological resources, hazardous waste/materials, scenic highways, and/or other environmental resources within Caltrans ROW, at the project site(s). Evidence of consultation with local Native American tribes and interested parties will need to be presented within the technical documents for approval of encroachment in the Caltrans ROW. There are mature trees within and/or near Caltrans ROW that could

provide suitable nesting habitat. Mitigation Measure BIO-9: Preconstruction Survey Birds states that pre-construction bird surveys are required if work occurs between February 1 and August 30. However, Caltrans considers the nesting season to be February 1 through September 30. If work will occur in Caltrans ROW between February 1 and September 30 of any year, a pre-construction bird survey must be conducted by a qualified biologist prior to the start of any construction related activities. If an active nest is observed, a protective buffer must be established around the nest per California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) guidelines. No work is allowed within the protective buffer limits until the young have fledged and until authorized by the Caltrans District 10 Environmental Office. Results of the pre-construction bird survey(s) must be provided to the Caltrans District 10 Environmental Office prior to the start of construction. If Cliff Swallow nests need to be removed from Caltrans ROW, the project proponent must coordinate with the Caltrans D10 Environmental Office prior to any such activity. Nest removal must occur only when the nest is determined to be inactive and when it is outside the nesting season of February 1 – September 30. If any cultural materials or human remains are discovered during construction in Caltrans ROW, stop all work within a 100-foot radius of the discovery and notify the Caltrans District 10 Environmental Office immediately (in addition to the procedures detailed in CULT-2 and CULT-3). Do not move cultural materials or take them from the job site. Do not resume work within a 100-foot radius of the discovery area until authorized by the Caltrans Professionally Qualified Staff (PQS). If there are any ground disturbing activities in Caltrans ROW, the Encroachment Permit applicant must submit the Phase II Work Plan and a Lead Compliance Plan with the application. The Lead Compliance plan must be completed by a Certified Industrial Hygienist.

Hydrology

Caltrans requests the applicant to submit the grading and drainage plans when available.

Encroachment Permits

An encroachment permit is required for all activities on State highway right-of-way (ROW). This concurrence only pertains to planning and environmental compliance, not project design or construction approval. The review and approval of encroachment projects is managed through the Encroachment Permits Office Process (EPOP) or the Project Delivery Quality Management Assessment Process (QMAP), depending on project scope, complexity, and completeness of the application.

If any project activities encroach into Caltrans ROW, the project proponent must submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application. For more information, please visit the Caltrans Website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shiferaw Jemberie at (209) 986-9635 (email: Shiferaw.jemberie@dot.ca.gov) or Me at (209) 948-7325 (email: Anupam.mishra@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Planning, Local Assistance, and Environmental

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State Clearinghouse (SCH)