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Orleans Water Treatment
SCH# 2024110469

Mr. Andrew Bundschuh
Environmental Permitting
Humboldt County Public Works
1106 2nd Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Mr. Bundschuh

Thank you for giving Caltrans the opportunity to comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration to replace a water distribution system operated by the Orleans Mutual Water Company (OMWC). The existing distribution system will either be demolished or abandoned in place and replaced with new water distribution system on a separate alignment. Additionally, a total of 38 new water services would be installed at each active and inactive property to replace the services of the existing water mains. The project is located in Humboldt County, within the unincorporated community of Orleans. We offer the following comments:

In the project correspondence with Caltrans, OMWC's planning consultant wrote the project "plans to utilize an existing 8 [inch] culvert located beneath Hwy 96 that is currently used solely as a casing for a 2 [inch] water line to the two properties on the south side of the highway."

Prior to commencing work within State right of way, OMWC will need to obtain an encroachment permit from Caltrans or establish that it has an existing permit for use of the above referenced culvert. Encroachment Permits are issued by the District Office in Eureka. For more information or to request an encroachment permit, please contact the Eureka permits office at 707-498-5864 and refer to the following website:
<<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>>.

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Feel free to contact me with questions or for further assistance with the comments provided at (707) 497-7742 or by email at:
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Sincerely,

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