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RE: Matilija Groundwater Supply Project  
Test/Monitoring Well: MND  
GTS # 07-VEN-2025-00626  
SCH # 2025010591  
Vic. SR 33           PM 13.55  
          SR 150        PM 12.159

Dear Julia Aranda:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The Project is comprised of one vertical well completed in the Matilija Sandstone Formation passing through several other formations to a depth of about 7,000 feet. Well piping would be installed at the wellhead, which would be used for testing and monitoring purposes. Upon completion, the wellhead would be equipped with a high-pressure valve (no pumping is anticipated to be required) and above-grade piping such that the entire confined pressure and/or artesian flow can be controlled, quantified, monitored, and tested over several years. All produced groundwater would be discharged to a series of detention basins for infiltration and evaporation. No discharge would occur to the Robles Canal or other surface waters. It is estimated three years of monitoring and testing would provide adequate information to determine if a permanent well is feasible and, if so, to provide information for design criteria for its development. After this three-year test period, the well would remain in place with operations conducted as determined by a review of the data collected over the test period. The Casitas Municipal Water District is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The closest state facilities are SR 33 and SR 150. After reviewing the project's documents, Caltrans has the following comments:

- Caltrans recommends the following during the construction stage:
  - Work with Caltrans Office of Permits, Multi-Modal Unit, for a designated truck route for construction trucks to transport construction equipment to and from the construction sites.
  - Construction vehicles/equipment should use alternative routes to avoid congested state facilities, especially during peak hours.
  - Cover construction trucks with tarpaulin to avoid debris spillage onto State facilities.

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that requires the use of oversized transport vehicles on State Highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends that the Project limit 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.

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-VEN-2025-00626.

Sincerely,

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cc: State Clearinghouse