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Maurice Brenyah-Addow, Senior Planner
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Re: Pencco Iron Salts Manufacturing Facility – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Maurice Brenyah-Addow:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Pencco Iron Salts Manufacturing Facility 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 January 2025 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 is for the construction of the Pencco Iron Salts Manufacturing Facility, that would be located within the Corteva industrial complex. The project would utilize the two existing buildings onsite and the remainder of the manufacturing site would include adding new reactor and storage tanks, air scrubber components, a cooling tower, a filter press, an overhead crane, an air compressor, sump pump drains, and ore/scrap containment areas (no new buildings are being proposed). The proposed project site would also include a truck parking lot with loading and scales, as well as automobile parking with associated landscaping.

Travel Demand Analysis

With the enactment of Senate Bill (SB) 743, Caltrans is focused on maximizing efficient development patterns, innovative travel demand reduction strategies, and multimodal improvements. For more information on how Caltrans assesses Vehicle

Miles Traveled (VMT) analysis for land use projects, please review Caltrans' Transportation Impact Study Guide ([link](#)).

The project VMT analysis and significance determination are undertaken in a manner consistent with the Office of Planning and Research's (OPR) Technical Advisory. Per the MND, this project is found to have a less than significant VMT impact, therefore working towards meeting the State's VMT reduction goals.

Climate Change

Please keep Caltrans informed about the various climate stressors and ongoing adaptation and resilience initiatives as they are developed and implemented at this project location. Caltrans is interested in engaging in multi-agency and regional collaboration, to find multi-benefit solutions that protect vulnerable shorelines, communities, infrastructure, and the environment. Consider aligning any potential shoreline adaptation with countywide efforts (Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan) on climate adaptation and vulnerability.

Caltrans actively collaborates with regional partners to address climate vulnerabilities and would like to remain updated on any potential adaptation measures or initiatives at this location and will greatly appreciate being included in ongoing local efforts as this project develops. Caltrans prioritizes working with regional and local partners to strategize and adopt effective adaptation measures for the transportation system in the area. For any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Caltrans Bay Area Climate Change Planning Coordinators at D4_ClimateResilience@dot.ca.gov

Thank you again for including Caltrans in the environmental review process. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mary McGee, 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