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RE: Lost Canyon 2A and Sand Canyon  
Groundwater Treatment Improvement  
Project  
SCH # 2025041248  
Vic. LA-14/PM 33.42  
GTS # LA-2025-04807-MND

Dear Mark Aumentado:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced environmental document. The project involves construction of a centralized per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) groundwater treatment facility, improvements to the existing San Canyon and Lost Canyon 2A wells, replacement of an approximately 1,700 feet of 14-inch pipeline along Lost Canyon Road, decommissioning of the existing Mitchell 5B and Lost Canyon 2 wells, and various site improvements including electrical, piping, and access upgrades. The project would restore the use of the Lost Canyon 2A and San Canyon wells and would reduce SCV Water's dependency on imported water.

The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment. Senate Bill 743 (2013) has codified into CEQA law and mandated that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed development be modified by using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts for all future development projects. As a reminder, all environmental documents should include Vehicle Miles Traveled. You may reference the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) for more information:

<https://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/#guidelines-updates>

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Construction of the proposed project would result in a minimal, short-term increase in local VMT because of construction-related worker traffic, material and equipment deliveries, and construction activities. However, VMT generated from construction-related traffic would cease once construction is completed. Project operation and maintenance activities would generate approximately six daily trips if the daily site visit, resin media replacement visit, and chemical delivery visit occur on the same day. This level of daily traffic would not exceed the VMT screening level of 110 trips per day. Caltrans concurs that the project would not conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3(b), and impacts would be less than significant.

Temporary closure of one lane of the Lost Canyon Road may be necessary during construction of the pipeline along this roadway. Construction activities would be short-term, and at least one lane would be maintained open to traffic. Should a lane closure be required, signage and traffic control measures, including a flag person to direct traffic flows, would be implemented.

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that require the use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Any large-size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods for the construction phase and operation phase. Construction truck loads should be covered with a tarpaulin cover.

Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles County. Please be mindful that projects should be designed to discharge clean run-off water. Additionally, discharge of storm water run-off is not permitted onto State highway facilities without any storm water management plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin, the project coordinator, at (213) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # LA-2025-04807-MND.

Sincerely,

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