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RE: San Gabriel River Watershed Project to
Reduce River Discharge in Support of
increased Recycled Water Reuse – Draft
Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)
SCH # 2018071021
GTS # 07-LA-2018-02737
Vic. LA-1/PM:0.161 – LA-60/PM:11.545
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Dear Ms. Jodie Lanza:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). In anticipation of increased future recycled water demands, the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Sanitation Districts), as the Lead Agency pursuant to CEQA, are proposing the San Gabriel River Watershed Project to Reduce River Discharge in Support of Increased Recycled Water Reuse (proposed project) to incrementally reduce surface water discharges of recycled water from five water reclamation plants (WRPs), including the San Jose Creek WRP, the Pomona DOC# 4364700 WRP, the Whittier Narrows WRP, the Los Coyotes WRP, and the Long Beach WRP, each of which currently discharges into the San Gabriel River or its tributaries; San Jose Creek, or Coyote Creek. The diverted water would supply recycled water programs implemented by other agencies. The proposed reduction in surface water discharges would occur over time and would not involve any construction activities or other physical changes to the environment other than the decreased volume of discharge.

After reviewing the DEIR, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facilities.

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. Discharge of storm water run-off is not permitted onto State Highway facilities without a storm water management plan.

As a reminder, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials which requires use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. We recommend large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact project coordinator Reece Allen, at reece.allen@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2018-02737

Sincerely,

Ms. Jodie Lanza
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