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SHAFTER-WASCO PIPELINE

Mr. Dana Munn  
Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District  
6294 Central Valley Highway  
Wasco, CA 93280

Dear Mr. Dana Munn:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposal to replace and improve existing water infrastructure to facilitate more water use and reduce the pumping of groundwater. The project site is located north of State Route (SR) 46 and east of SR 43, in the area bounded by Western Avenue, McCombs Road, and Palm Avenue, in Kern County.

The mission of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. To ensure a safe and efficient transportation system, we encourage early consultation and coordination with local jurisdictions and project proponents on all development projects that utilize the multimodal transportation network.

Caltrans provides the following comments consistent with the State's smart mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and sustainable communities:

1. Based on the information provided, the proposed project does not anticipate to have significant impacts to the existing State facilities.
2. Any traffic control impacting the State facilities will require an encroachment permit from the Caltrans Permits Office.
3. An encroachment permit must be obtained for all proposed activities for placement of encroachments within, under or over the State highway rights-of-way. Activity and work planned in the State right-of-way shall be performed to State standards and specifications, at no cost to the State. Engineering plans, calculations, specifications, and reports (documents) shall be stamped and signed by a licensed Engineer or Architect. Engineering documents for encroachment permit activity and work in the State right-of-way may be submitted using English Units. The Permit Department and the Environmental Planning Branch will review and approve the activity and work in the State right-of-way before an encroachment permit is issued. The Streets and Highways Code Section 670 provides Caltrans discretionary approval authority for projects that encroach on the State Highway System. Encroachment permits will be issued in accordance with Streets and Highway Codes, Section 671.5, "Time Limitations."

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Encroachment permits do not run with the land. A change of ownership requires a new permit application. Only the legal property owner or his/her authorized agent can pursue obtaining an encroachment permit. Please call the **Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office - District 6: 1352 W. Olive, Fresno, CA 93778, at (559) 488-4058.**

If you have any further questions, contact Scott Lau at (559) 445-5763 or [scott.lau@dot.ca.gov](mailto:scott.lau@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



for: LORENA MENDIBLES, Chief  
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