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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Ms. Chau Vu, Public Works Director  
City of Bell Gardens  
8327 Garfield Avenue  
Bell Gardens, CA 90201

RE: John Anson Ford Park (JAFP) Infiltration  
Cistern Project to Capture Urban Runoff  
Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)  
SCH#2019059005  
GTS #07-LA-2019-02457  
Vic. LA/ 710/ PM 19.621

Dear Ms. Vu:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review process for the above-referenced project. The proposed project would construct a diversion structure and subsurface infiltration basin below JAFP to capture and recharge up to 1,200 acre-feet per year of dry-weather and storm runoff from a catchment area of 2,295 acres. The project would divert stormflows from an existing stormwater drainage system, install a water treatment facility beneath the northerly parking lot at JAFP, and construct bottomless cisterns beneath the existing baseball field and soccer field. The project would be Implemented in three phases.

The nearest State facility to the proposed project is I-710. Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facilities.

Caltrans continues to strive to improve its standards and processes to provide flexibility while maintaining the safety and integrity of the State's transportation system. It is our goal to implement strategies that are in keeping with our mission statement, which is to "provide a safe, sustainable, integrated, and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. "

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

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact project coordinator, Frances Lee at (213) 897-0673 or electronically at [frances.lee@dot.ca.gov](mailto:frances.lee@dot.ca.gov) and refer to GTS#07-LA-2019-02457.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miya Edmonson".

MIYA EDMONSON  
IGR/CEQA Branch Chief

cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse