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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Ms. Hannah Johnson City of Laguna Beach 505 Forest Avenue Laguna Beach, CA 92651 File: IGR/CEQA SCH#: 2019079001 12-ORA-2019-01166 SR 1, PM 8.29

Dear Ms. Johnson,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Initial Study/Mitigated. Negative Declaration (MND) for the proposed Bluebird Canyon Outfall and Diversion Structure Rehabilitation. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.

The project proposes rehabilitation of the existing Bluebird Canyon outfall and diversion structure. The project is on the ocean-ward side of State Route 1 (SR1) and Bluebird Canyon Drive in the City of Laguna Beach. Caltrans is a responsible agency and has the following comments:

NPDES Stormwater Compliance:

 Section 3.9 Hydrology and Water Quality of the ISMND (page 60) section a. may want to include narrative to state that the project proponent will apply for a dewatering permit should dewatering for construction activities become necessary. No dewatering will be allowed for construction activities if a dewatering permit has not been obtained for the project.

Traffic Operations:

2. Applicants must submit a traffic handling plan and traffic management plans for further review during an encroachment permit process.

Hydraulics:

3. All existing Caltrans drainage facilities should be protected during construction and existing flow patterns shall be maintained.

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4. Final construction plans need to be reviewed and approved by the Hydraulics Branch during the Encroachment Permit Process.

Encroachment Permits:

5. Any project work proposed in the vicinity of the State Right-of-Way (ROW) would require an encroachment permit and all environmental concerns must be adequately addressed. If the environmental documentation for the project does not meet Caltrans's requirements for work done within State ROW, additional documentation would be required before approval of the encroachment permit. Please coordinate with Caltrans to meet requirements for any work within or near State ROW. For specific details for Encroachment Permits procedure, please refer to the Caltrans's Encroachment Permits Manual at:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/

Please continue to keep us informed of this project and any future developments that could potentially impact State transportation facilities. If you have any questions or need to contact us, please do not hesitate to contact Joseph Jamoralin at (657) 328-6276 or Joseph.Jamoralin@dot.ca.gov

Sincerely,

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