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Matelot Pipeline and Turbidity
Station Project
SCH 2019110526
Initial Study-Mitigated
Negative Declaration

Dear Ms. Batt,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed construction of an 18-inch diameter raw water main pipe up to 1,650 feet in length that will convey water from Matelot Reservoir to Columbia Water Treatment Plant. The proposed pipeline would run parallel to the existing Matelot Ditch. The turbidity station would consist of a small building (48 square feet) constructed on a cement slab foundation and include power supply, and control equipment, including small diameter conduit, sampling supply and drain lines, pumps and valves, and a reservoir level box. The project site is located 3.07 miles northeast of State Route (SR) 49. Based on the information provided, this project is expected to not be VMT intensive or have any impacts to SR 49 in Tuolumne County. Caltrans has no comments on this project at this time.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these comments, please contact Michael Casas at (209) 948-7475 michael.casas@dot.ca.gov or me at (209) 948-7325 gregoria.ponce@dot.ca.gov.

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Sincerely

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