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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

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South Coast Water District
31592 West Street
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

File: IGR/CEQA
IGR# 2021-01611
SCH#: 2021030405
SR 1 PM 4.864

Dear Mr. Obzejta,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the JRWSS Crown Valley Water Pipeline Relocation Project in the City of Laguna Niguel. The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.

The Joint Regional Water Supply System (JRWSS) transmission main is a water pipeline constructed in 1961 to convey potable water from Irvine to San Clemente, California, part of which is contract operated by South Coast Water District. A 2000-foot section in a residential area needs upgrading and is difficult to access for maintenance or repair. The intent of this project is to construct 2,350-foot replacement segment in Crown Valley Parkway and safely abandon the existing pipeline segment in place.

The relocated water main would be constructed within the right-of-way of Crown Valley Parkway. The new pipeline alignment would begin at a point where the existing JRWSS heads easterly, away from its parallel alignment with Crown Valley Parkway. From this connection point, the new alignment would continue north for approximately 2,350 feet in Crown Valley Parkway where it would rejoin the existing pipeline. The replacement water main would be constructed within the right-of-way of Camino Del Avion and Street of the Golden Lantern. The project is located 2 miles north of Pacific Coast highway, also known as State Route (SR) 1. SR 1 is owned and operated by Caltrans. Caltrans is a responsible agency and has the following comments:

System Planning

1. During sidewalk closures, please ensure that there is a safe and convenient detour in place for pedestrians and other sidewalk users. Please also ensure that any sidewalk closures or detours are clearly signed.

Transportation Planning

2. Page 1, Figure 1-1. Please include a scale bar in the project map.

Please continue to coordinate with Caltrans for any future developments that could potentially impact State transportation facilities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Lugaro at: Julie.lugaro@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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