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10-SJ-5-PM Various Mossdale Tract Urban Flood Risk Reduction Project SCH#2022040471

Chris Elias, Executive Director SJAFCA, 22 East Weber Avenue, Suite 301 Stockton, CA 95202

Dear Mr. Elias:

The California Department of Transportation appreciates the opportunity to review the Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Report for the Mossdale Tract Urban Flood Risk Reduction Project. The proposed project would provide increased public safety benefits by rehabilitating and improving flood management infrastructure to achieve a 200-year Urban Level of Protection for the Mossdale Tract area. The proposed project would include the construction and operation of flood risk reduction and multi-benefit components in and adjacent to the Mossdale Tract area. The flood risk reduction components are fix in place and potential setback levee improvements and the multi-benefit components are ecosystem restoration and recreational features. The Department has the following comments:

- The applicant needs to ensure that the existing State drainage facilities along and within SR 5 will
 not be significantly impacted by this project. If historical undeveloped topography shows drainage
 from the overall Mossdale Tract Area does not flow into the State Right-of-Way, then it will not be
 allowed to flow into the State Right-of-Way at this time. Additional review may be required should
 there be any changes to the current proposals or plans that may pose negative impacts to the
 current State drainage facilities.
- 2. An Encroachment Permit will be required for work (if any) done within Caltrans's right of way (ROW). This work is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act. Therefore, environmental studies may be required as part of the encroachment permits application. A qualified professional must conduct any such studies undertaken to satisfy Caltrans' environmental review responsibilities. Ground disturbing activities to the site prior to completion and/or approval of required environmental documents may affect Caltrans' ability to issue a permit for the project.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 209-483-2582 or Nicholas Fung at (209) 986-1552.

Sincerely,

Tom Dumas

Chief, Office of Metropolitan Planning