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Mr. Michael Lin, P.E., Engineer
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Sunset Complex Project
SCH# 2022040167
Los Angeles County

Dear Mr. Lin:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Sunset Complex Project, submitted by the City of Pasedena, which describes the replacement of two existing reservoirs with one 4.9-million-gallon circular storage reservoirs and one 6.1-million-gallon circular storage reservoir and modifications to the existing treatment facilities.

As defined in section 6004(a) of the California Water Code, a circular tank constructed of steel or concrete, or both, shall not be considered a dam.

Based on the plans provided in the submitted EIR, the proposed project consists of circular concrete tanks which impound the reservoirs and therefore will not be subject to State jurisdiction. If changes to the design of the reservoirs are made which alter the shape of the tank, the structure may be subject to State jurisdiction for dam safety. In the event the project will result in a State jurisdictional structure, a construction application, together with plans, specifications, and the appropriate filing fees must be filed with DSOD prior to proceeding with the Project.

If an application is required, all dam safety related issues must be satisfactorily addressed prior to our approval of the application and all work must be performed under the direction of a Civil Engineer registered in California. DSOD's Acting Design Engineering Branch Manager Melissa Pi is responsible for the application process and can be reached at (916) 820-7788.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Area Engineer Cameron Lancaster at (916) 565-7830 or me at (916) 565-7827.

Sincerely,

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