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**VIA EMAIL**

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Dear Ms. Reyes:

**DRAFT EIR  
PURE WATER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROJECT  
SCH: NO. 2022090654**

The Department of Conservation's Geologic Energy Management Division (Division) has reviewed the above-referenced project for impacts with Division jurisdictional authority. The Division supervises the drilling, maintenance, and plugging and abandonment of oil, gas, and geothermal wells in California. The Division offers the following comments for your consideration.

As highlighted in the EIR, the project area is in Los Angeles County and includes new construction near the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts' A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility in the City of Carson and would produce water that, "...would be transported and distributed via new conveyance facilities as far north as the City of Azusa and as far east as the City of La Verne." Construction in this broad area could impact oil and gas infrastructure. For example, the proposed "advanced water purification facility," located near the Warren facility, is within the Torrance oil field and Division records indicate the presence of seven idle or plugged oil and gas wells on this property. Division information can be found at: [www.conservation.ca.gov](http://www.conservation.ca.gov). Individual well records are also available on the Division's web site, or by emailing [CalGEMSouthern@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:CalGEMSouthern@conservation.ca.gov).

The scope and content of information that is germane to the Division's responsibility are contained in Section 3000 et seq. of the Public Resources Code, and administrative regulations under Title 14, Division 2, Chapters 2, 3 and 4 of the California Code of Regulations.

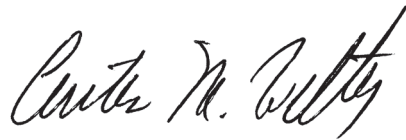
If any wells, including any plugged, abandoned or unrecorded wells, are damaged or uncovered during excavation or grading, remedial plugging operations may be

required. If such damage or discovery occurs, the Division's district office must be contacted to obtain information on the requirements and approval to perform remedial operations.

The possibility for future problems from oil and gas wells that have been plugged and abandoned, or reabandoned, to the Division's current specifications are remote. However, the Division recommends that a diligent effort be made to avoid building over any plugged and abandoned well.

Questions regarding the Division's Construction Site Well Review Program can be addressed to the local Division's office in Long Beach by emailing [CalGEMSouthern@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:CalGEMSouthern@conservation.ca.gov) or by calling (562) 637-4400.

Sincerely,



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