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City of Pasadena Department of Public Works  
Attention: Christina Monde, P.E.  
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RE: Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project – Draft  
Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)  
SCH # 2023110605  
GTS # 07-LA-2023-05069  
Vic. LA 110 PM: 30.227

Dear Christina Mondue:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced environmental document. The proposed Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project would develop two regional stormwater capture and treatment facilities (man-made treatment wetlands and infiltration basins) located within existing open space-zoned areas near the Arroyo Seco Channel. Additionally, as part of the Project, an off-site water harvester and related infrastructure would be installed within the existing, gated maintenance yard at the public Arroyo Seco Golf Course in South Pasadena. The Project would provide water quality benefits for multiple jurisdictions within the 5,005-acre drainage area in which the two sites are located. For both sites, the Project would include native landscaping; hardscape elements including reclaimed wood log benches, post-and-rail fencing, and concrete seat walls faced with natural stone; informational signs as a watershed education opportunity; and expand the existing trail network to enhance regional trail connectivity through the Lower Arroyo Seco.

After reviewing the DEIR, Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans encroachment permits will be required at all locations where Project work interacts with State ROW. This includes any grading, topography, or equipment work that will change the pattern or direction of water runoff in a way that will impact State facilities or ROW.

If any impacts to Caltrans facilities are discovered during the review and approval of the Project, a condition of approval for issued entitlements shall include a requirement to work with Caltrans'

Office of Permits to obtain the appropriate encroachment permits. Final design requirements for any proposed changes to infrastructure within or along Caltrans Right-of-way will be determined by the Office of Permits. At the time of permit application there will be rounds of review and corrections to ensure all design, Right-of-way, access management, water runoff, environmental, and statutory requirements are being addressed.

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If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Anthony Higgins, at [anthony.higgins@dot.ca.gov](mailto:anthony.higgins@dot.ca.gov) and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2023-05069.

Sincerely,



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Cc: State Clearinghouse