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RE: Department of State Hospitals Metropolitan Water Tanks #1 and #2 Replacement Project (MND)
SCH # 2025080316
GTS # 07-LA-2025-04876

Dear Jennifer Parson,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The proposed project is located within the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) Metropolitan State Hospital campus, located at 11401 Bloomfield Avenue in Norwalk, California. The project site is located at the northeastern corner of Balsam Street and 9th Street (Assessor's Identification Number [AIN] 8025-003-902). The proposed project would demolish the two existing 22-foot-tall, 750,000-gallon-capacity water tanks and the existing nonportable water pumphouse. The existing water tanks would be replaced by two new 40-foot-tall (maximum height), 80-foot-diameter, 1,000,000-gallon-capacity water tanks. The proposed project would also replace piping, valving, and appurtenances associated with the new water tanks and existing pumphouses and would verify/complete connections from the existing 12-inch firewater main along Balsam Street and South Circle Drive to the existing sprinkler system supply lines in the hospital campus' central kitchen, administration building, and skilled nursing facility. Construction of the proposed project would occur in two phases. Construction is expected to take approximately 12 months for each phase; Phase 1 is anticipated to begin in late 2025 and Phase 2 is anticipated to begin at the end of 2026.

The nearest State facilities are Interstate Highways I-5, I-605, and California State Route 91. The Draft Initial Study states a less than significant impacts to transportation, after reviewing the Notice of Preparation (MND), Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans recommends limiting large truck travel and construction traffic to off-peak commute hours. A permit for any heavy construction equipment and or materials that require the use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing potential impacts for Caltrans review.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nestor Lemus, the project coordinator, at Nestor.Lemus@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2025-04876.

Sincerely,

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cc: State Clearinghouse