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RE: Cantara Trunk Line Replacement Project – MND
SCH# 2025090667
GTS# 07-LA-2025-04903

Dear Alexandria Fortaleza,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. The Cantara Trunk Line Replacement project by The Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power is proposing the improvement and upgrade of aging infrastructure to enhance water delivery, system reliability, and emergency preparedness in the Sun Valley area. The project involves installing approximately 8,200 feet of 30-inch and 5,100 feet of 20-inch underground pipeline, along with 7,010 feet of 8-inch distribution mainline improvements. This project will improve water delivery, boost system reliability, and enhance emergency preparedness for Sun Valley and nearby neighborhoods.

The nearest State facilities are CA-170, I-5. After reviewing the Notice of Intent (NOI), to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (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.

Any work performed within State right-of-Way will require an encroachment permit from Caltrans. Any modifications to State facilities must meet all mandatory design standard and specifications. One specific location of concern is SR-170 at post mile LA R19.6 (detailed on page 147 of the Initial Study/MND report). Any encroachment by the Cantara truck extension into this area will necessitate a Caltrans permit.

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-2025-04903.

Sincerely,

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