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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
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Lake Drive Storm Drain and Manchester Outfall Project
SCH# 2025110169
San Diego County

Dear Mr. Danna:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Lake Drive Storm Drain and Manchester Avenue Culvert Outfall Project, submitted by the City of Encinitas, which describes the proposed removal and replacement of a storm drain and associated appurtenances from the curb inlet along Lake Drive west through the canyon to Interstate 5. As part of the drainage system, a detention basin is proposed just west of Lake Drive to reduce stormwater flows and volumes.

As defined in sections 6002 and 6003 of the California Water Code, dams 25 feet or higher with a storage capacity of more than 15 acre-feet, and dams higher than 6 feet with a storage capacity of 50 acre-feet or more are subject to State jurisdiction. The dam height is the vertical distance measured from the maximum possible water storage level to the downstream toe of the barrier.

Based on the plans provided in the submitted Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, Appendix D: Draft Drainage Report, the proposed project does not meet the criteria described above and therefore will not be subject to State jurisdiction. If changes to the design of the dam are made which alter the height of the dam or the reservoir's storage capacity, the dam 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. Our Design Engineering Branch Manager Ian Maki is responsible for the application process and can be reached at (916) 820-7795.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Area Engineer Brian Sawyer at (916) 565-7829 or me at (916) 565-7827.

Sincerely,

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