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Wastewater Treatment
Facility Phase 3 Initial Study
– La Contenta – SCH
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Mr. Williams,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed La Contenta Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Phase 3 project. The project would replace and/or improve facilities at the existing La Contenta WWTF to resolve issues associated with age deterioration and limited capacity. The Calaveras County Water District (CCWD) published the La Contenta Wastewater Collection System Improvement Project and WWTF Phase 3 Improvement Project Predesign Report, which established the key objectives and existing deficiencies at the La Contenta WWTF.

This project is located southeast of Valley Springs and north of New Hogan Dam Reservoir.

Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans suggests that the Calaveras County continue to coordinate with Caltrans in identifying and addressing potential pedestrian safety and cumulative transportation impacts from this project and other developments near this location. This will assist Caltrans in ensuring that pedestrian, traffic safety, and quality standards are maintained for the traveling public on existing and future state transportation facilities in Calaveras County.

Environmental

It does not appear that this project will encroach onto the State Highway System. However, if there are any construction related activities that will encroach into Caltrans Right of Way (ROW) as a result of the project, the project proponent must apply for an Encroachment Permit with the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. All California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation, including the final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration, with supporting technical studies, must be submitted with the Encroachment Permit Application. These studies may include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, historic properties, biological resources,

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hazardous waste/materials, scenic highways, and/or other environmental resources within Caltrans Right of Way, at the project site(s). Evidence of consultation with local Native American tribes and interested parties will need to be presented within the technical documents for approval of encroachment in the Caltrans ROW. If there are impacts to water resources within Caltrans ROW, Caltrans will need to review the applicant's correspondence and/or permits with the regulatory agency(ies) (California Department of Fish and Wildlife [CDFW], United States Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board) to the start of any construction in Caltrans ROW. If there are impacts to any special status species, critical habitat, or Essential Fish Habitat that exist within Caltrans ROW, evidence of consultation with CDFW, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and/or National Marine Fisheries Service shall be provided to Caltrans with the Encroachment Permit application.

Encroachment Permits

If any project activities encroach into Caltrans ROW, the project proponent must submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application. For more information, please visit the Caltrans Website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shiferaw Jemberie (209) 986-9635 (email: Shiferaw.jemberie@dot.ca.gov) or me at (209) 639 -8832 (email: Gregoria.ponce@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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