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Subject: Request for Project Review – Marsh Creek Road Safety Improvements 1 Mile East of Russelmann Park Road Project CEQA Document

Dear Ms. Heard:

The Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) is in receipt of a Request for Project Review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Marsh Creek Road Safety Improvements 1 Mile East of Russelmann Park Road Project in eastern Contra Costa County. The project is within CCWD's treated water service area. There is an existing CCWD 12-inch treated water line in Marsh Creek Road within the project area.

CCWD owns and operates the pipeline along Marsh Creek Road that is critical for water service to residents in the area and to the east. It is the sole water supply pipeline for the Marsh Creek Road area. Also, the CCWD's access road to the Nob Hill Pump Station is within the project alignment near the eastern edge of the project on the westbound lane (see attached exhibit). During design, the County should plan to meet with CCWD to coordinate all aspects of the project as they relate to the critical pipeline and access the CCWD's facilities. The following are specific comments that should become conditions of approval for the project:

-The project description must include sufficient information to determine whether excavation is planned to an elevation that could conflict with or jeopardizes the pipeline.

- -The pipeline must be protected at all times during construction, including maintaining a minimum of 2.5 feet of cover over the pipeline. If excavation results in less cover, the County must coordinate with CCWD to ensure appropriate protective measures are taken to prevent damage from excessive loads, including construction vehicle loading on the pipeline.
- -Any restriction of access to the roadway leading to CCWD's Nob Hill Pump Station must be coordinated with CCWD in advance.
- -Pipeline shutoff valves and a fire hydrant are located within the project alignment. Coordination with CCWD should be completed during design to plan facility relocations, including raising or lowering of valve cans.

Please contact me at (925) 688-8119 should you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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