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Mr. Mark Seedall Contra Costa Water District 1331 Concord Avenue P.O. Box H2O Concord, CA 94524

> Re: Response to Comments on CEQA IS/MND Marsh Creek Road Safety Improvements 1.0 Mile East of Russelmann Park Rd Project Federal Project No. HRRRL 5928(096) County Project No. 0662-6R4063

Dear Mr. Seedall:

Thank you for providing comments from Contra Costa Water district (CCWD) on the Marsh Creek Road Safety Improvement 1.0 Mile East of Russlemann Park Road Project CEQA document (CP # 11-93). Our responses to your comments follow the order of your comments (numbered in the margin and attached for reference).

As you may be aware, staff from Public Works Department notifies any utility provider that has facilities located in the area of an improvement project and coordinates with them accordingly to address any potential impacts. As a result, staff from the Public Works Department are available to meet with CCWD regarding the design of this project to ensure that adequate coordination occurs to address any potential impacts to the 12-inch treated water line in Marsh Creek Road. However, it should be noted that the access road to the Nob Hill Pump Station does appear to be northwest of the project location and will not be affected by this project.

Comments #1 and #2: Staff at the County will be available to meet with staff from CCWD during the design of the project to determine any potential concerns with the design or construction of the project that could potentially affect the pipeline.

<u>Comment #3</u>: The CCWD's Nob Hill Pump Station is northwest of the project area and will not be affected by this project (see attached Figure 3d Impact Areas).

Comment #4: Staff at the County will be available to meet with staff from the CCWD to identify the locations of the pipeline shutoff valves and fire hydrants that this project could potentially affect.

At your convenience, Public Works staff is available to meet with you to discuss the project and review the design plans.

Please feel free to contact me at (925) 313-2022, or hhear@pw.cccounty.us, or the project engineer, Laurie Sucgang, at (925) 313-2395 or lsucg@pw.cccounty.us if you have any further questions or would like to meet to discuss the project.

Sincerely,

Hillary Heard

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Attachments:

CCWD Comments on IS/MND

Figure 3d Impact Areas

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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.

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- -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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