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100 Main Street, MS #16
Los Angeles, CA 90012-3606

Subject: Responses to Comments on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration
for the Griffith Park South Water Recycling Project

Thank you for your comments (Letter No. 3, enclosed) on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Griffith Park South Water Recycling Project (Project). Your comments and a response to your comments are provided as follows:

Response 3-A

This comment summarizes various Project details, and states that because the Project is within Griffith Park, Caltrans does not expect Project approval to result in direct adverse impacts to Interstate 5.

Thank you for your comments. This comment includes introductory remarks and does not state a specific concern or question regarding the adequacy of the environmental impact analysis in the MND. This comment has been forwarded to the City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) for review. No further response is required.

Response 3-B

This comment states storm water runoff is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, and that projects should be designed to discharge clean runoff water. Discharge of storm water runoff is not permitted onto State highway facilities.

Thank you for your comments. Construction and operation of the proposed Project facilities would be located within Griffith Park and would not alter the existing drainage pattern of the Project site. The proposed pipeline would be located underground and would not change the existing drainage pattern throughout its alignment. The recycled water storage tank and pump station would be located on cement pads, which may

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slightly alter the drainage pattern of that area. However, the proposed Project is not anticipated to increase runoff, and would adhere to all National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Regulations and implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to ensure that construction does not result in erosion impacts. Therefore, the proposed Project would not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area and substantial erosion or siltation would not occur. This comment has been forwarded to the Board for review. No further response is required.

Response 3-C

This comment states that a transportation permit from the Department is required and a traffic construction plan may be needed for this Project.

Thank you for your comments. Section 2.16, *Transportation and Traffic*, (page 95) states the proposed Project would be required to prepare a traffic control plan that would be reviewed and approved by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation. In addition, any necessary transportation permits, such as for oversized vehicles, would be obtained along with review and approval of the traffic control plan. This comment has been forwarded to the Board for review. No further response is required.

Adoption of the MND and consideration of the proposed Project by the Board is tentatively scheduled for March 4, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting location is:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1555-H, 15th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Regular meeting agendas are available to the public at least 72 hours before the Board meets. The Board Agenda may be viewed on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/AboutLADWP> or the commission office may be contacted at (213) 367-1350. If you have any questions or are in need of additional information, please contact Ms. Irene Paul of my staff at (213) 367-3509.

Sincerely,



Charles C. Holloway
Manager of Environmental Planning and Assessment

IP:mg
Enclosure
c/enc: Ms. Irene Y. Paul

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October 29, 2013

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11 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Griffith Park South Water, Recycling Project
IGR/CEQA No. 131048/NOI
Vic. LA-5, PM 23.965 to 38.568

Dear Ms. Paul:

Thank you for allowing the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to review the proposed Griffith Park South Water Recycling Project. The project is located within Griffith Park at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive in the City of Los Angeles.

The proposed project would expand the use of recycled water within Griffith Park and the Los Feliz area of the City of Los Angeles. When the project is fully implemented, it will extend the existing Greenbelt Water Recycling distribution line south to serve the Roosevelt Golf Course, which is a prime customer for recycled water. Construction of the project will include recycling water pipelines, a water pump station, a regulator valve, and a recycled water storage tank.

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The Griffith Park South Water Recycling Project is approximately 2-3 miles from Interstate 5 (I-5). However, because the construction of the project is within Griffith Park, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facility.

Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Please be mindful that projects should be designed to discharge clean run-off water. Additionally, discharge of storm water run-off is not permitted onto State highway facilities.

B

Transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials, which requires the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways, will require a transportation permit from the Department. It is recommended that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods. In addition, a truck/traffic construction management plan may be needed for this project.

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If you have any questions, you may reach Zeron Jefferson, project coordinator at (213) 897-0219 and please refer to IGR number 131048/ZJ.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dianna Watson".

DIANNA WATSON
IGR/CEQA Branch Chief

cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse