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February 3, 2021

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RE: Deane Tank Site Expansion Project
Vic. LA-10 PM 36.48
SCH # 2021010051
GTS # LA-2021-03467AL-MND

Dear Mr. Vasilopoulos:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The proposed Project would provide additional water storage capacity for fire protection, emergency and operational needs at the Deane Pressure Zone. The proposed Project includes the construction of a new above ground Steel water storage tank with approximately 1.70 MG of storage capacity. Other infrastructure-related components include: the installation of new underground utilities water piping and electrical lines and the relocation of existing utilities; a 20 feet foot wide asphalt paved access road adjacent to each tank; a new drainage system around the proposed tank and along the access roadway; retaining walls; and an extra fill pad to assist with balancing earthwork on site. An optional access road is also considered.

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The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. Senate Bill 743 (2013) has been codified into CEQA law. It mandates that CEQA review of transportation impacts of proposed developments be modified by using Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts. As a reminder, Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) is the standard transportation analysis metric in CEQA for land use projects after the July 1, 2020 statewide implementation date. You may reference The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) website for more information.

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<http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/guidelines/>

For this project, 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 Caltrans. It is recommended that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods and idle time not to exceed 10 minutes.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # LA-2021-03467AL-MND.

Sincerely,



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