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RE: CEQA – NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE IVANPAH-CONTROL PROJECT

Dear Mr. Forsythe:

Thank you for allowing the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project. **We received this request on September 2, 2020** and pursuant to our review, we have the following comments.

Flood Control Planning/Water Resources Division (Michael Fam, Chief, 909-387-8120):

The Planning Division has the following comment at this time:

- 1. The proposed Project crosses San Bernardino County Flood Control District (SBCFCD) facilities and right-of-way for Mojave River (4-101) at the following locations based on the maps provided:
 - a. Segment 3S; Sheet 6, PM 25-26
 - b. Segment 3N; (SBCFCD easement); Sheet 8, MP 43.
 - c. Segment 4 (SBCFCD easement); Sheet 1, MP 1.

Also, the project is adjacent to the following facilities:

- d. Sheet Segment 4; Sheet 5-6: MP Baker 5-6: Yermo Channel (4-701-IC).
- e. Sheet 10, MP 55-56, Baker Levee (4-802-5a)

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Be advised that any encroachments on the SBCFCD's facilities or right-of-way including but not limited to pole replacements, new conductor installation, and access will require a permit from the SBCFCD prior to the start of the project. The necessity for any permits, and any impacts associated with them, should be addressed in the EIR prior to adoption and certification.

A portion of the Segment 3S extension is part of the Barstow Master Plan of Drainage (MPD).

2. According to the most recent FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panels 06071C1375H, 1400H, 1800H, 1825H, 1850H, 1875H, 2025H, 2325H, 2350H, 2600H, 2875H, 2900H, 3200H, 3400H, 3425H, 3450H, 3475H, 3825H, 3850H, 3875H, 3895H, 3900H, 3905H, 3910H, 3930H, 3937H, 3941H, 3942H, 3944H, 3975H, 4000H, 4025H, 4527H, 4531 H, 4532H, 4551 H, 4552H, 4556H, 4557H, 4600H, dated August 28, 2008; and 3915J, dated September 2, 2016; the Project lies within Zones A, D, and X-unshaded. The EIR needs to discuss this potential impact and discuss how the project will comply with FEMA regulations. Any impacts and mitigation necessary to comply with FEMA regulations should be discussed within the EIR prior to the document being adopted.

We respectfully request to be included on the circulation list for all project notices, public reviews, or public hearings. In closing, I would like to thank you again for allowing the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project. Should you have any questions or need additional clarification, please contact the individuals who provided the specific comment, as listed above.

Sincerely,

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