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RE: Olinda Last Mile Underserved Broadband Project IS/MND – Responses to CDFW Comment Letter

Dear Ms. Chen:

This information is in response to your later dated August, 2019. Happy Valley Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom submits the following:

Request to TDS Telecom

In order to comply with the mitigation requirement (APM BIO-3 brought forward as mandatory mitigation under MM GEN-1) the Applicant (TDS Telecom) is required to modify the boring pit location adjacent to WW-15 (See Attachments 2 and 3).

The Applicant is required to move the boring location identified within 250 feet from the vernal pool that was identified by CDFW since it is brought forward as mandatory mitigation under MM GEN-1.

To adhere with MM GEN-1 and adequately respond to CDFW's concern, the CPUC respectfully requests the Applicant to concur with the relocation of boring sites proposed within 250 feet from the vernal pool point location on Scout Avenue, between Telegraph Gulch Road and Olive Street in the Community of Happy Valley (Unincorporated Shasta County). Once the CPUC receives confirmation from TDS Telecom that the boring site(s) relocation described above is feasible, the CPUC will proceed to:

- Address avoidance of the vernal pool identified by CDFW by changing bore pit location(s) on Scout Avenue, between Telegraph Gulch Road and Olive Street, in compliance with APM BIO-3. This change will require revisions to Figure 4-2B of the Draft IS/MND.
- Revise text across the IS/MND document where there is mention that no vernal pools exist in the project area (i.e., Section 5.4, Biological Resources).

- Disclose that avoidance of the vernal pool identified by CDFW by relocating a bore pit location does not represent an additional project impact. Implementation of Project APMs and MMs in accordance with the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan would reduce any potential impacts to biological resources to a less than significant level pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act.

Please confirm whether the proposed boring site relocation is technically feasible and provide revised project maps in shapefile format, accordingly. We request that TDS responds to this request within 15 calendar days (August 16, 2019). Delays in responding to this request may cause delays to the preparation of the Final IS/MND.

Response: The proposed boring site relocation is technically feasible and the project map and staking sheets depicting these changes is attached including a separate file that contains the shape files.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Sincerely,

/s/

Gail Long
Manager, State Government Affairs

Attachments: 2