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Santa Clara Valley Water District
5760 Almaden Expressway
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RE: SCH 2024060688

The California Highway Patrol, Hollister-Gilroy Area received the Notice of Completion (NOC) & Environmental Document Transmittal, and Design Level Geotechnical Investigations for the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project, State Clearing House (SCH) number 2024060688. After review, we have some concerns related to emergency vehicle response.

Our concern relates to the stated potential for “significant impact” to emergency vehicles due to “traffic slowdowns” and “short-term, temporary increases in transportation and traffic hazards” that could occur during the geotechnical investigation activities planned within the State Route 152 right-of-way. As identified in the project plan, State Route 152 is a major east-west corridor that connects the South San Francisco Bay Area and Central Valley. Any resulting lane or partial roadway closures necessary during the right-of-way investigation activities could have a negative impact on our operations due to the resulting increase in traffic congestion, which could result in an increase in crashes and slow response times to emergency incidents.

The stated mitigation measures for the above are the implementation of MM TR-1 (Traffic Control Plan) by Valley Water consistent with Caltrans standard plans, however, the MM TR-1 plan was not submitted with the project for review and consideration, hence our concerns.

Should you have any questions, please contact Captain Noel Coady by phone (408) 427-0700 or via email NCoady@chp.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "N.C. Coady, ID 15606".

N. C. COADY, Captain
Commander

cc: Coastal Division

