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Mr. Peter Kampa, General Manager Groveland Community Services District 18966 Ferretti Road Groveland, CA 95321 TUO-120-PM 31.00 Groveland Sewer System Improvements MND SCH #: 2019059053

Dear Mr. Kampa,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Groveland Community Service District Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) with SCH number 2019059053 for the Groveland Sewer System Improvements Project. The project is located at various locations in Groveland, Big Oak Flat, and White Gulch. The project involves installing or replacing approximately 5,000 linear feet of sewer pipes, constructing manholes, performing spot repairs, and related improvements to the existing sewer system within the three communities. Existing sewer service will not be significantly impacted during construction.

Caltrans has reviewed the MND and has the following comments:

The MND states that the proposed improvements to the existing sewer system will introduce minimal impervious surfaces such as concrete and manholes and the pipeline will be installed underground within existing right of way and will not alter any drainage pattern. If any work (manholes and pipe installation) will be within the State right of way, Caltrans will need to review the improvement detail plans.

Please submit the final MND with the Encroachment Permit Application. The biological measures requested in the MND will need to be adhered to during any construction activities within Caltrans right of way.

If project construction activities will encroach into Caltrans right of way, the project proponent must submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and/or other resources within Caltrans right of way at the project sites. CEQA documentation with supporting technical studies are required when submitting the Encroachment Permit.

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If you have any question or would like to discuss these comments, please contact Austin Sos at (209) 948-7936 (email: <a href="mailto:austin.sos@dot.ca.gov">austin.sos@dot.ca.gov</a> or me at (209) 948-7325 (email: <a href="mailto:gregoria.ponce@dot.ca.gov">gregoria.ponce@dot.ca.gov</a>).

Sincerely,

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