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Cedric Irving
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

RE: Sterling Natural Resources Center Project, East Valley Water District, San Bernardino County, California

Dear Mr. Irving:

The State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) is consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in an effort to comply with 36 CFR Part 800 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. The Water Board is requesting concurrence with a finding of No Historic Properties Affected.

The Water Board plans to fund the construction of a new wastewater treatment facility (treatment facility) and a conveyance system to move the treated water to the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (District) Service Area. Project components include the installation of approximately 57,564 linear feet of pipelines, construction of the wastewater facility, lift stations, and sewer diversions. Four wells will be refurbished or retrofitted. Additionally, 6,000 feet of the Santa Ana River Pipeline will be relined.

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) for this undertaking is described as approximately 480 acres. The vertical APE ranges between ten-to-twenty feet below ground level.

In an effort to identify historic properties in the APE, qualified cultural resources management professionals conducted records searches, Native American consultation, and performed a pedestrian archaeological survey of the project area. Five cultural resources were identified within the APE:

- 1) EVWD-001-H – remnants of a possible irrigation system likely constructed between 1946 and 1959. It was evaluated by ESA in September 2015, who determined it was not eligible for listing on the NRHP.
- 2) PSBR-26H – Timber Ditch was an early irrigation ditch thought to have been constructed in 1856. However, the pedestrian survey found no evidence of the original ditch and that it appears to have been destroyed and replaced with a modern concrete drainage channel.

- 3) Three bridges (Bridge 54C0421, Bridge 54C0444, and Bridge 54C0536), which are listed in Caltrans Historic Bridge Inventory as Category 5 (not eligible for listing on the NRHP).

The Water Board has reviewed the documentation and is of the opinion that the project will not affect historic properties.

Having reviewed the project, SHPO has the following comments:

- 1) SHPO is of the opinion that the APE has been adequately delineated to account for direct and indirect effects to historic properties;
- 2) SHPO concurs that EVWD-001-H is ineligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places;
- 3) SHPO concurs that the project, as described, will not affect historic properties;
- 4) Please be reminded that in the event of an inadvertent discovery or a change in the scale or scope of the undertaking, the EPA may have additional consultation responsibilities under 36 CFR Part 800.

If the EPA has any questions or comments, please contact State Historian Tristan Tozer at (916) 445-7027 or at Tristan.Tozer@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julianne Polanco', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer