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Response to County of San Luis Obispo Regarding the Initiative Measure:
Dalidio Ranch Project

Dear Ms. Griffin:

The Department of Water Resources has reviewed the proposed amendment to the General Plan and Zoning Ordinances of San Luis Obispo County for the Dalidio Ranch Project. In its submission to the Department, the County specifically requested information on Department permits and authorizations that may be applicable to approval of this amendment. The Department offers the following response regarding its authority and responsibilities to water resources in San Luis Obispo County.

The Department operates and maintains the State Water Project including the Coastal Branch of the California Aqueduct. The Coastal Branch, as an underground pipeline, passes through San Luis Obispo County near the City of San Luis Obispo. The proposed Dalidio Ranch Project site does not appear to be positioned near the pipeline. However, the Department has constructed throughout the County several ancillary facilities necessary to operate and maintain the pipeline. The Department suggests the County confirm the locations of Department facilities and easements with Mr. Jeff Said, Chief of the San Joaquin Field Division, Post Office Box 79398, Bakersfield, California 93381-9398.

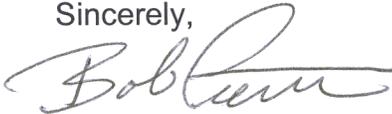
The Department also assists water districts with groundwater, surface water, and imported water management and planning issues. This office, the Southern District of the Department, maintains well completion reports that are submitted by well drillers after construction, alteration, or destruction of water wells in the southern portion of the State. District staff located the proposed Project site on the USGS topographic map (San Luis Obispo quadrangle, 1:24,000-scale). The map shows three wells within or near the Project boundary, and the District's well completion report database identifies about ten additional wells within or near the Project boundary. The proposed General Plan amendment should identify these wells on its development maps, and it should specify how these wells may be affected by the project.

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If you have any questions, you may call Brenda Marines at (818) 500-1645 extension 266, (bmarines@water.ca.gov) or Mary Miller, Chief of our Recreation and Environmental Studies Section, at extension 253 (marym@water.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



for

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