

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Ms. Cathy Bechtel, RCTC  
Post Office Box 12008  
Riverside, California 92502-2208

Dear Ms. Bechtel:

The Department of Water Resources (the Department) proposes a seismic upgrade of Perris dam, construction of a new outlet tower, and construction of a new emergency outlet extension at Lake Perris, collectively referred to as the Perris Dam Remediation Program. These projects are located within the Lake Perris State Recreation Area and within four miles of portions of your project. The Department is currently preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Report for these projects. If approved by the Department, these projects are likely to be concurrent with the County's proposed Mid-County Parkway Project.

The Department has completed its review of the proposed Mid County Parkway Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement. The following are our comments regarding the project's impact on work the Department is planning in the area.

**Traffic**

According to the Project Description and Alternatives section of your document the project will impact several transportation routes during construction. The Mid County Parkway project will impact traffic on Interstate-215, State Route-79, and along Ramona Expressway. Workers and delivery trucks to the Lake Perris work sites will use these roadways. The traffic hindrances could create construction and delivery delays. We request that Caltrans and the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) coordinate construction schedules and possible road closures with the Department to prevent any access problems. We also request that Caltrans and the RCTC schedule construction activities such that two routes remain open at all times during work on both projects.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me at (818) 500-1645, extension 254.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Megan Evans-Costello".

Megan Evans-Costello  
Environmental Scientist  
Southern District