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Mr. Ken Deck
Rowland Water District
3021 S. Fullerton Road
Rowland Heights, CA 91748

Dear Mr. Deck:

HARBOR BOULEVARD WILDLIFE UNDERPASS ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT UNDERGROUND PIPELINE

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works will be constructing a wildlife underpass at Harbor Boulevard. The underpass would provide a safe passage for wildlife traversing from open space habitat on both sides of Harbor Boulevard. The underpass will be located approximately 1,700-feet south of Wellington Lane in the City of La Habra Heights and will be 160-feet long, 20-feet wide, and 18-feet high, with a minimum cover of 38-inches.

It is our understanding that Rowland Water District may be proposing to install a 24-inch reclamation waterline and a sewer force main along Harbor Boulevard as part of the Aera Community Development Project. The proposed underground pipelines will cross the underpass project and will impact the minimum depth of 38-inches required under Los Angeles County Code. We have considered your proposal to install the pipelines through the median, within the confined area of the underpass, and found it to be a viable option in concept. Other alternatives can also be considered, such as encasing the pipelines within the confined area of the underpass. Clear distance separation between the proposed waterline and the sewer line must also be in conformance to health and safety codes.

If median improvement is proposed at this location, we recommend that the median shall not have landscaping within those limits. Hardscape would be more preferable option to deter the possibility of conflicts with the pipelines and tree roots/landscaping. The existing median currently has small to medium sized trees approximately every 50-feet with asphalt concrete ground cover.

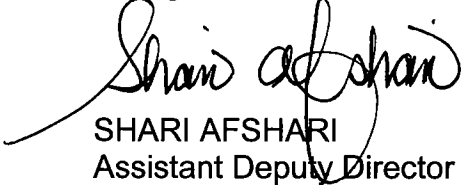
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Upon your preparation of preliminary plans of your utilities at the underpass location, please send us copies for our review.

We appreciate your efforts regarding this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Dominic Osmeña of my staff at (626) 458-5912.

Very truly yours,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Acting Director of Public Works

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shari Afsari", written over the typed name and title of the signatory.

SHARI AFSHARI
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